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## Legacy

# Reflecting on Geoffroy's presidency

## Administration finds lasting legacy

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ISU President Gregory Geoffroy does not like to look back.

Geoffroy, who announced last March that he will step down from the presidency, will have served for 10-and-a-half years as the university's top administrator when Steven Leath assumes the role on Jan. 16, 2012. But do not expect him to stay away from the campus he has led for the last decade for too long — he is stepping down from the presidency, but not retiring from the university.

"I just like to look forward, to stay focused on the future," Geoffroy said. "And so, when people talk about legacies, I tend to look ahead and not think about what a legacy might be."

He is quick to attribute the successes of the last 10 years to his leadership team, shifting the focus away from himself as an individual.

"That's what's so incredible about him," said ISU Executive Vice President and Provost Elizabeth Hoffman. "He doesn't take credit for anything. Even though I know this place would not be in as good of shape as it is today if it weren't for him — for his vision, for his willingness to take risks, for hiring great people and giving them the opportunity to shine, for his emphasis on the bioeconomy, which really has put this university on the map, for his emphasis on student success."

Hoffman, who met Geoffroy at an Association of American Universities public deans' meet-



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ing in the early 1990s, has worked for him since January 2005. She nominated him for the position of ISU president and said coming to work for him was one of the greatest moves of her life. She praised his collaborative leadership style and high expectations as a winning combination.

"He believes in hiring good people and letting them do their jobs, as long as they never surprise him, and they keep him informed and they consult him on major decisions," Hoffman said.

Tahira Hira, executive assistant to the president, likened his leadership approach to "having the right people on the bus and having them in the right seats."

She agreed that Geoffroy has high standards, adding that he always expects excellence, with no margin of error.

"He's very hard working," Hira said. "He works fast, and hard and a lot. And when you work with him as closely as I do, you work hard and fast and a lot. And there is no such thing as a deadline. For me, his deadline was always ASAP."

"Meetings with the president always started and ended on time, if not early," Hoffman said, quickly adding, "You always know where you stand with him. And he gives

praise."

Hoffman said she knows Geoffroy does not want to look back, but "the rest of us, we have a right to look back."

### A 10-year marathon

When Geoffroy became Iowa State's 14th president on July 1, 2001, he faced a number of challenges. State funding was down, research funds were strained and enrollment numbers were falling.

Two years into Geoffroy's tenure, all eyes were on the university when men's basketball coach Larry Eustachy made headlines for drinking and partying with students, which resulted in his resignation. The following year, Iowa State received more unwanted attention after a riot broke out during its Veishea celebration.

Geoffroy was faced with a difficult decision. Receiving pressure from both sides, he heard calls to put an end to the tradition and to preserve it. After a one-year moratorium, he decided to bring Veishea back.

"Ultimately, that's one of those classic decisions; there's only one person that can make that decision, and that was me," Geoffroy said. "I could get all the advice I wanted, but ultimately that was the decision that I had to make. And I think it worked out well; it was definitely the right decision."

The decision to continue the tradition was "only the beginning," said Tom Hill, vice president for Student Affairs. Hill said Geoffroy had to take the necessary steps to



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The 14th president of Iowa State, Gregory Geoffroy talks in an interview at the end of his presidency at Iowa State in his office in Beardshear Hall. In stepping down Geoffroy will teach seminars in higher education and freshman-level chemistry.

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**Bakery**

# Ace of cakes: Senior turns hobby into business

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ISU senior Mary Burroughs is a mastermind of tools atypical to most civil engineering students.

When she is not in class learning the ins and outs of structural design, Burroughs can be found mastering the fine art of cake baking and design. Her business, aptly titled Cake Engineering, provides Burroughs with a creative outlet away from her 19-credit hour course load.

"It's just something I do for fun," Burroughs said.

Cake Engineering got its start in Burroughs' senior year of high school. While planning her graduation party, she knew she did not want a typical sheet cake. An avid fan of Duff Goldman and his Food Network show "Ace of Cakes," Burroughs used this as inspiration and signed up for a fondant decorating class at her local craft store to create her first cake masterpiece.

Other than this class, she has no formal training in cake baking or design. She taught herself how to make cakes from scratch and other design aspects from magazines, books and television shows.

From there, her hobby grew to include making cakes for her friends during her sophomore year of college. Her cakes have gone on to win numerous awards, including a fourth-place finish in the KJCY Cool Cakes contest in fall 2009. As a finalist, she was able to attend the Des Moines Food and Wine Festival and meet Goldman. She also won multiple awards at the

2010 Iowa State Fair, taking home first place in the amateur shaped cakes category and second place in the amateur square wedding cakes category.

Her most recent awards come from the 2011 Iowa State Fair, where she won first place in the amateur single-tier cake and butter cow replica cake competition. Burroughs also took home second place in the amateur mixed shape wedding, square wedding, and shaped cake categories, as well as fourth place in amateur round wedding cake.

Burroughs acknowledged the difficulties that can come with balancing school, jobs and extracurricular activities. Aside from school and Cake Engineering, she works for ISU Dining in the Central Bakery and acts as co-captain for the Concrete Canoe and serves on the Frederiksen Court council.

"Sometimes you just have to sacrifice sleep to get everything done," Burroughs said. "I plan it out ahead of time. I usually will bake a cake a couple days in advance and divvy up the time to get all the decorating done."

Burroughs' civil engineering courses have also shaped how she builds and designs cakes.

"My structural class helped me understand the basics of how to build a cake," she said. "I'm currently taking a class in project management and it has taught me how to divvy up the basics of your project. Building a cake is similar to a construction project where you design a project and then determine the steps you are going to take and how you are going to build it."

Beth Hartmann is the professor of the project management course. Hartmann has students fill out a personal data sheet and when she saw cake decorating on Burroughs', Hartmann became intrigued. Hartmann first ordered a cake for her son's birthday party. She said she had tons left over, so the following Monday she brought the leftovers to work along with some of Burroughs' business cards to further spread the word. Hartmann also has ordered cupcakes as treats for some of her classes and speaks volumes of praise for Burroughs' work.

"[Burroughs'] cakes are some of the best I have ever had," Hartmann said. "The cakes are beautiful, delicious and amazingly awesome. Her prices are also incredibly reasonable too."

Burroughs said her most memorable cake was a chocolate cake carved to look like a skull with a crown she made for a Threadcakes competition, where you make a cake based on a T-shirt design.

"It took about 40 hours and was my most artistic cake," Burroughs said.

Another memorable cake for Burroughs was one she made for a friend's mom who recently lost her job. The cake was originally canceled, but Burroughs wanted to liven up the spirits and still went ahead with the cake. Her friend's mom was very tearful when she received the cake, Burroughs said. Her spirits perked up and Burroughs said the woman found



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Mary Burroughs, senior in civil engineering, makes cupcakes for a order of 160 cupcakes from customers. Burroughs has been running her own decorating business since January.

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## Award



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Aaron Nissen, senior in agricultural engineering, was honored by the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineering as one of the top 15 engineering students in the nation.

# Engineering student named one of the best

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Aaron Nissen, a senior in agricultural engineering at Iowa State, was named one of the Top 15 New Faces of Engineering last week.

Nissen, senior in agricultural engineering, was the national nominee from the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers for the National Engineers Week recognition program.

The program acknowledges the most promising engineering students from around the world.

"I think they liked the way I put my engineering skills to work in the job force," Nissen said. "I worked with senior engineers that have been in the business for 30 or 40 years and was able to earn the company profit."

Academic excellence, leadership, community service and involvement in the engineering industry are reasons for which Nissen and 14 other stu-

dents from around the world were chosen.

This was the first college edition of the New Faces of Engineering recognition program.

The winners will be published in USA Today in the near future.

Nissen, member of the ISU chapter of ASABE and vice president of the honor society for agricultural engineering, Alpha Epsilon, interned for Vermeer last summer as a design engineering intern.

The New Faces of Engineering recognition program was conducted on Facebook, where members of 15 national engineering organizations were invited to apply.

Members were then narrowed down to between one and three nominees per organization, and finally one winner from each group was chosen.

As the nominee for ASABE, Nissen will receive a \$1,000 scholarship toward his education costs.

"He is very active in club

activities for ASABE," said Chenxu Yu, assistant professor of agricultural and biosystems engineering and adviser for ASABE. "He is in charge of fundraising for the club and he is a bright student, very enthusiastic in terms of involving himself and doing his part."

An Ottoman, Iowa, native, Nissen grew up on his family's farm and he believes that his past experiences have strengthened his skills and education here at Iowa State.

"It's something I love," Nissen said. "I've grown up on a farm and done this my whole life. It's not like I'm studying something that I've never done before. It is something that I've been around for a long time and that is what keeps me interested."

Nissen will return to Vermeer this summer as a test engineering intern.

Long term, Nissen will look to take over the family farm after some time in the workforce. He is hoping to secure a job with Vermeer after graduation.

## Extracurriculars

# Study: Involved students find more success in life

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Students become involved in extracurricular clubs and organizations as a way to enhance their college experience, often finding that being involved also has an unexpected effect on academic performance.

A research study done in 2010 by Amy Hawkins, a graduate student at Purdue University, examined the relationship between student involvement and GPA.

"Student involvement enhances the overall college experience and the development of transferable skills for undergraduate students," according to the study. "Participation in student organizations can lead to the development of social and leadership skills, higher retention rates, heightened self-confidence, improved satisfaction with college, the ability to see course curriculum as more relevant and further success after college."

Dakota Hoben, senior in agricultural business, currently serves as president of the Government of the Student Body.

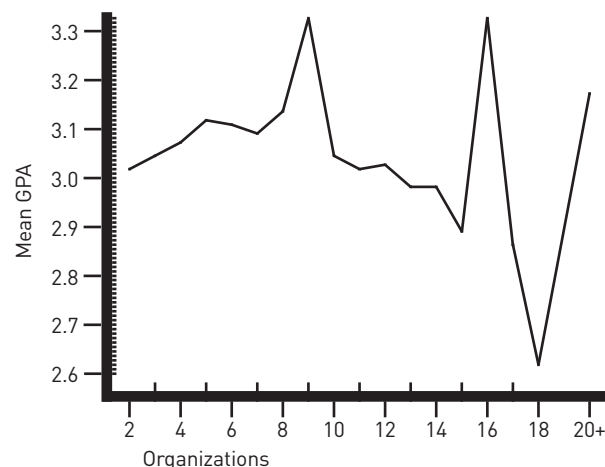
He is also involved in Salt Company, Collegiate FFA, the Agricultural Business Club and is a College of Agriculture and Life Sciences ambassador. An involved student, Hoben finds being involved helps him with his studies.

"I think the involved students tend to be the ambitious students that also care about their studies," Hoben said. "But having said that, I think leadership positions in student organizations provide students with the habits and skills necessary to balance their workload and involvement while in college."

Hawkins' study also found that leadership positions also contributed to GPA.

Students who acted as officers in their respective organizations had higher GPAs than

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students who acted as members. Additionally these students have significantly higher GPAs than the general student population.

The study also examined the disadvantages of being involved. The results showed a weak negative correlation.

"I think like most things, student involvement is best done in moderation," Hoben said. "Becoming overextended and over-stressed is always a potential concern with becoming too involved, but I believe that if you narrow your focus to just a few clubs that you are most passionate about, you can alleviate most of these potential concerns. Seeking leadership positions in a few clubs is better than becoming a member of many."

Terry Besser, professor of sociology, was part of a research study conducted within the ISU economics department studying how students' extracurricular involvement in college correlated with cumulative GPA and, later on in life, civic engagement and income.

"We took 5,000 graduates from Iowa State between 1982 and 2006 and questioned them to find out their levels of volunteerism, voting and other extracurricular activities," Besser said. "We found there was a strong association between extracurricular in-

volvement and later civic engagement, how much they volunteered in their adult lives, how much money and time they donate to charity, those sort of statistics."

Besser noted in the study that students who are more involved have a "strong sense of self-efficacy."

"If you are more involved, you experience leadership skills and interaction skills," Besser said. "You feel like you can better control events in your life. It makes you a stronger person."

Besser said that interacting with peers and mentors so much provides a positive role model for students who are involved.

"Students that are more involved have good time management skills because they have so much going on," said Jody Feipel, junior in kinesiology and health.

Feipel is currently involved as a Families Committee co-director of Dance Marathon, secretary in the Pre-Physical Therapy Club and active in Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

"They have to be able to prioritize what needs to get done and be able to use their time wisely," Feipel said. "For instance, student-athletes have required study hours they're

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## Competition

# Scripps Spelling Bee finals to be hosted at Iowa State

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The Iowa final for the 2012 Scripps National Spelling Bee will be hosted by Iowa State University's Greenlee School of Journalism and Communication on Feb. 4.

Iowa schools who are participating will host their own spelling bees. The winners will advance to the state final at Iowa State.

The spelling bee is being organized by ISU students in the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA).

"It will be a great way for us to demonstrate how important spelling is to students," said Jill Spiekerman, lecturer of journalism and communication.

The winner of the Iowa spelling bee will receive a trip, with one parent, to Washington,

D.C., to participate in the nationally broadcast finals competition.

"We have high hopes that the winner of our spelling bee will be successful at the national level," said Michael Bugeja, professor and director of the Greenlee School.

Additional information about the spelling bee is available at [www.spellingbee.com](http://www.spellingbee.com). For more information about PRSSA, visit [www.prssa.org](http://www.prssa.org).



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## Education

# NAEP results cause discussion at university level

By Leah DeGraaf  
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With the release of the 2011 National Assessment of Educational Progress test results, Iowa's education system was brought into the state's spotlight. While some Iowans see the issues surrounding the stagnant test results as an indication that Iowa K-12 students are not performing at their highest levels, many Iowa educators believe the cause of the 20 year stagnation may be due to poor teacher quality and differences in classroom curriculum.

The one question Iowans should now be asking with regard to these tests, according to Gary Phye, professor of psychology and curriculum and instruction, is: "How come other people are improving and we are not?" Phye said one reason for the data's stagnation could be due to the curriculum, not the students.

"I would argue, in some respects, and I think this is what people are tending to ignore, is that these [scores] probably should be looked at not as indicators of individual student achievement as much as say reflecting stagnation in the curriculum. In other words, it's not a kid problem, it's more of a teaching or curriculum problem," Phye said. In fact, according to Phye, the state right now is saying it is a combination

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## Donations



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Jacie Garden, senior in animal ecology, holds an injured great horn owl while Audrey Bonk, freshman in animal ecology, wipes bugs off his wing on Thursday. It is believed he flew into a window, knocking him out but is going to be fine.

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# Wildlife Care Center gives back

## Fundraising projects help animals in need

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Students and faculty may be familiar with the College of Veterinary Medicine's small and large animal hospitals, but there is also the Wildlife Care Center, located in the basement of the College of Veterinary Medicine.

The care center is staffed by five undergraduate students and survives on volunteers and donations, evident from the center's small space and lack of equipment.

The first room is the size of a large office and is lined with counters and cupboards. The second is double the size but barren without the cages usually present. The third room is small with just enough space to walk inside and serves as a nursery for baby animals, such as rabbits, squirrels and birds, that are brought in. Because winter is approaching, the room

is empty of babies, but it is fully equipped with ink cartridges and used cellphones. The center is collecting the items to trade them in for money.

This is just one of the many fundraising projects the center does.

The center takes about \$65,000 a year to run, all of which comes from fundraising and donations, said Bianca Zaffarano, director of the Wildlife Care Center.

Harvey is an example of the help donations provide. Harvey, a Great Horned Owl, was hit by a car and brought to the center. His right wing was broken and his left eye was swollen, said Jacie Garden, senior in animal ecology and part of the head staff at the Wildlife Care Center.

Thanks to the donation to pay for his needed surgery and the volunteering of an ophthalmologist from the College of Veterinary Medicine, Harvey was able to have surgery to remove his left eye, Garden said.

The Wildlife Care Center is also forced to make "life-or-death decisions" because of the lack of funds. The kind of help an

animal can be given comes down to the donations of money and services if the center can "scrape together the resources," Zaffarano said.

Even the animals do their part in raising money.

Garden said the center currently has four permanent birds, including a Red Tail Hawk, a Barn Owl, an American Kestrel and an Eastern Screech Owl. The volunteers put on programs in which the public can pay to see the birds and listen to the volunteers as they talk about each bird.

With Christmas coming up, the center is setting up a "Giving Tree" where anyone can come take an ornament from the tree. On each ornament is an item the center needs. The person brings the item back and he or she can keep the ornament.

For Zaffarano and Garden, the center provides a chance for injured or abandoned wildlife and is great way to give back to the environment.

"[The center's work] is a valuable bit of humanity [for wildlife]," explained Zaffarano.



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## Russia

## Students assess neo-Nazis' reasons for hate

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The Russian-Armenian brothers Ivan and Ruben Martirosov have learned many lessons in their time as ISU undergraduates, but none can match the brutality of one they learned well before college.

In 2005, while on a visit to Moscow, the two were walking to their parents' apartment in the company of two friends. As the group neared the apartment, six young men spotted and attacked them.

Ivan recalls the attackers shouting "Russia's for Russians" and "Get out of our country" as they beat them. Neither he nor anyone he was with had said a word to provoke them.

Both the men's words and their style of dress made the brothers think they hadn't been attacked at random.

"One of them had a swastika on his jacket," Ivan said.

The Martirosovs, both seniors in business economics, have the dark eyes, skin and complexions of their Armenian ancestors. They share these features with most natives of Europe's South Caucasus region, thousands of whom — in search of jobs — have immigrated to Russia since the 1990s.

The brothers' brief clash with neo-Nazis confirmed a



Ivan and Ruben Martirosov, both seniors in business economics, describe a troubling story of aggression and hate by neo-Nazis back home. Even though the movement is getting smaller it is still extremely prevalent.

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painful fact: In modern Russia, their looks alone make them targets.

Neo-Nazi violence has featured in Russian life since 1991, when the Soviet Union collapsed. As the new Russian state was forged, thousands of

immigrants streamed across its borders. Faced with an influx of new immigrants, a dearth of jobs and a declining ratio of Slavs to non-Slavs in the population, some Russians have turned to Nazism.

Current TV documentarian Christof Putzel explored their motives in the 2008 documentary "From Russia with Hate." In the film, he reported

that Russia was home to about half of the world's neo-Nazis, saying there were between 50,000 and 70,000 in the country. Some have taken to posting their attacks on YouTube.

The Russian civil-rights group SOVA estimated that 71 people died and more than 330 were wounded in 2010 as a result of racially-motivated attacks. Citing these figures,

Claire Bigg, a reporter for the news service Radio Free Europe, wrote that the number "while high, is a sharp decline from previous years."

The irony of Russians embracing Nazism isn't lost on the Martirosovs, who note that these modern neo-Nazis are descended from people who repelled a Nazi invasion in World War II.

"The whole idea is a farce," Ruben said.

Slavic Nazis, such as those in Russia's National Socialist Party, also overlook German Nazis historic view of Slavs as a subhuman race — one only worthy of enslavement, exploitation or murder.

Speaking of these contradictions, Ruben credited youth and ignorance with fueling attraction to Nazi movements.

"Kids from 14 to 18, they don't have their own opinions," he said. "You have a couple of beers in them, and tell them what to think. They'll think that."

He also blamed Russia's economic troubles for spurring interest in extremist groups.

"I think it goes back to income inequality. You have a certain amount of opportunities created in Russia, which are a lot better than opportunities created in, say, Tajikistan," Ruben said. "When you have immigrants going into Russia, and Russia's economy itself is not doing so good, of course the logical choice with leaders is to find a scapegoat."

Though media accounts can make Russian neo-Nazism seem menacing, some are skeptical of the movement's size and influence. Youngwon Kim, lecturer in political science, counts himself among these skeptics.

"We need to see the numbers," Kim said. "There is no

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Students wait to take final exams for online classes in Carver Hall on Friday. The center estimates that wait times to take online finals may exceed two hours.

## Exams

# Testing center feels overflow from finals

By Kaleb Warnock  
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Iowa State students will be taking more than 50,000 proctored tests at the Distance and Online Learning center this year. Students coming to take tests may be surprised to find a line that often extends around the building.

Brady Rebhuhn, junior in journalism and mass communication, waited over an hour to take her final for her visual principles for mass communicators final.

"It was really busy. Our teacher recommended taking it either Friday, Saturday or Sunday, because it had extended hours because it was really busy," said Rebhuhn. "Normally I don't have to wait at all. It seems like it was pretty packed with people taking tests."

However, it was not a complete waste of time.

"It wasn't so bad. It seemed

like everyone was using the time to study in line while they had to wait," Rebhuhn said. "It was sort of inconvenient, but yeah."

She didn't think it made a difference when taking the test, and wasn't opposed to taking more exams at the center.

It's good news for Rebhuhn, because the testing center continues to grow.

"We've had quite an increase in the use of the testing center," said Douglas Bull, testing facility manager. "From the very beginning we've experienced growth in the center every year."

The testing center hosts tests throughout the semester for numerous classes, and often rearranges them to ease the stress and traffic flow within the center. However, finals week presents its own challenge.

"Finals week is always the most stressful time. During

the semester, you don't have every course offering an exam every week," Bull said. "Every course funnels in on the one week - that makes for a really large population of students coming to the testing center."

On arrival students, taking exams should check in at the front desk need to bring their photo ID, before taking the test and a proctor will direct them to an available computer. The students will need to provide the course name, section, instructor's name and which exam they are taking.

"I think it's going to continue to grow. There are obviously some exams that are not conducive to this sort of delivery, but for a number of exams it works very well," Bull said. "It gives students flexibility and I think it offers the students opportunities. If they're not in class taking an exam, it offers some opportunities for students and it gives them more values added to their tuition

dollar."

Basic testing rules apply to the proctored exams.

Things like cheating, talking, cell phone use and using the restroom are not permitted. Also, students will not be allowed to navigate to other websites or use zip drives for the tests.

Students will be provided with scratch paper, but will have to return it when they finish the exam.

Bull encourages students not to wait until the last minute to take their exams, and instead should come in the mornings to avoid lines.

The center is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and doors close at 7:30 p.m.

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## Birth control

## Affordable Care Act may backfire with cost

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Many young women use birth control pills to treat menstrual-related issues, acne, cysts and of course, as a contraceptive. During the time that birth control has been around, it has improved significantly. While it may have started as a simple contraceptive, it now is used for a myriad of other reasons. However, some women cannot get these pills for one reason or another.

"It is probably religious views because to some it is considered a type of abortion," said Chloe Iles, sophomore in interdisciplinary studies.

Whether it be because they cannot afford them because they have no medical insurance or because it is against their religious beliefs, some women do not have access to these drugs. Some families cannot afford the cost of medical insurance, as many rates are priced high and begin around \$40.

"Overall, I think birth control is a positive thing because it does keep unwanted pregnancies down, which in turn leads to less unwanted babies. The other health benefits are an added plus. It really depends on your life style, and it's a freedom all women should have, in my opinion," Iles stated.

As part of the Affordable Care



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The Affordable Care Act could eliminate an insurance co-pay for many female health services, including birth control. Whether making these services free will help or hurt Americans is still being called into question.

Act, the administration released an amendment to the prevention regulation. This amendment allows the choice of whether or not to cover contraception services to religious institutions that offer insurance to their employees. This regulation is modeled on the most common accommodation for churches available in the majority of the 28 states that already require insurance companies to cover contraception.

The co-pay and premium, however, are critical parts that would highly influence the Affordable Care Act revisions. The co-pay — the amount of money you pay once your insurance has paid their part — would be eliminated for these services. However, since this seems too good to be true, it seems the premium would skyrocket.

An insurance premium is the money that a client has to pay simply for having the insurance. It is based

## Medical needs that may be met:

- Well-woman visits: includes a physician visit and may consist of a breast exam, and pelvic exam.
- Screening for gestational diabetes: type of diabetes that develops when a woman is pregnant after being 24 weeks pregnant
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- Sexually transmitted infection counseling
- Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) screening and counseling
- Domestic violence screening and counseling (HHS.gov)

mostly on the individual's profile and statistics that pertain to them. These include: condition of your health, where you live, income and employment.

These "improvements" may cause some negative effect, though. For example, there might be a lowered cap so that individuals or families will only be allotted a certain amount of spending's for the year. Simply said, you are only allowed medical attention to a point until coverage runs out,

and you are paying out of your pocket.

"A pro is that there would be there would be less unwanted pregnancies. Cons would be that it's expensive and the birth control companies wouldn't make any money off of it so they would have no incentive. I think it's a good idea, but ... ultimately it wouldn't work," said Michelle Rogge, sophomore in architecture.

The details and changes that have been shown are tentative and are subject to change. Decisions on the changes are also going to be heavily impacted by the candidates that are elected. Some will be in favor, while others will reject and think it should be changed again. With that said, it is inevitable that this new reform will change a lot of things. Over the course of these next months the word "affordable" will be revolutionized.

"I believe free birth control is good in theory but not good in practice," said Anna Mullins, freshman in English. "By making it free, yes, more girls may go on it, but they probably won't be any more educated than the girls who are now on it. So, we'll have more girls on birth control and more likely to not use a condom, when they might not be using their birth control method in the right way so teenage pregnancy may actually increase. See, it's not so much about making it cheaper or free as it is about teaching girls the most effective way to use it."

## Internet

## Online shoppers should protect identity online, police say



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The Bureau of Justice Statistics reported that an estimated 8.6 million households contain at least one person who has been a victim of identity theft.

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The Ames Police Department and the ISU Police Division warn consumers rushing online to holiday shop to be careful of becoming victims to identity theft.

"Sadly, identity theft is becoming more common," said Cmdr. Jim Robinson of Ames Police. "You have to be selective."

The Bureau of Justice Statistics reported Nov. 30 that an estimated 8.6 million households contain at least one person who has been a victim of identity theft. The

bureau reported that identity theft cost U.S. households \$13.3 billion in 2010, with each household losing an average of \$2,200.

Robinson said online shoppers can do several things to prevent becoming victims of identity theft. He said consumers should first research the websites on which they are shopping.

"Shop with a reputable company," Robinson said. "Find out if other people have had good luck or if individuals have had poor experiences."

Lt. Elliot Florer of ISU Police agreed with Robinson and said online shoppers

should be wary of even well-known sites because sometimes those websites are hacked and companies' customers' information is stolen.

Online shoppers should also only purchase items from secure websites, Robinson said.

He explained that secure websites will have special designations, like a prefix of https.

Robinson said he also recommends consumers to be cautious of online classified ads.

"It can be different than shopping through a reputable company," Robinson said. "Be wary about giving out private

information."

Before purchasing an item online, shoppers should read the company's return policy and the details about shipping and handling, Robinson said.

"The costs [of shipping and handling] can sometimes be surprising," Robinson said.

Robinson said online shoppers should pay by credit card because then one can view one's credit card statement and withhold payment if necessary.

Consumer should monitor their credit card and bank statements to catch any un-



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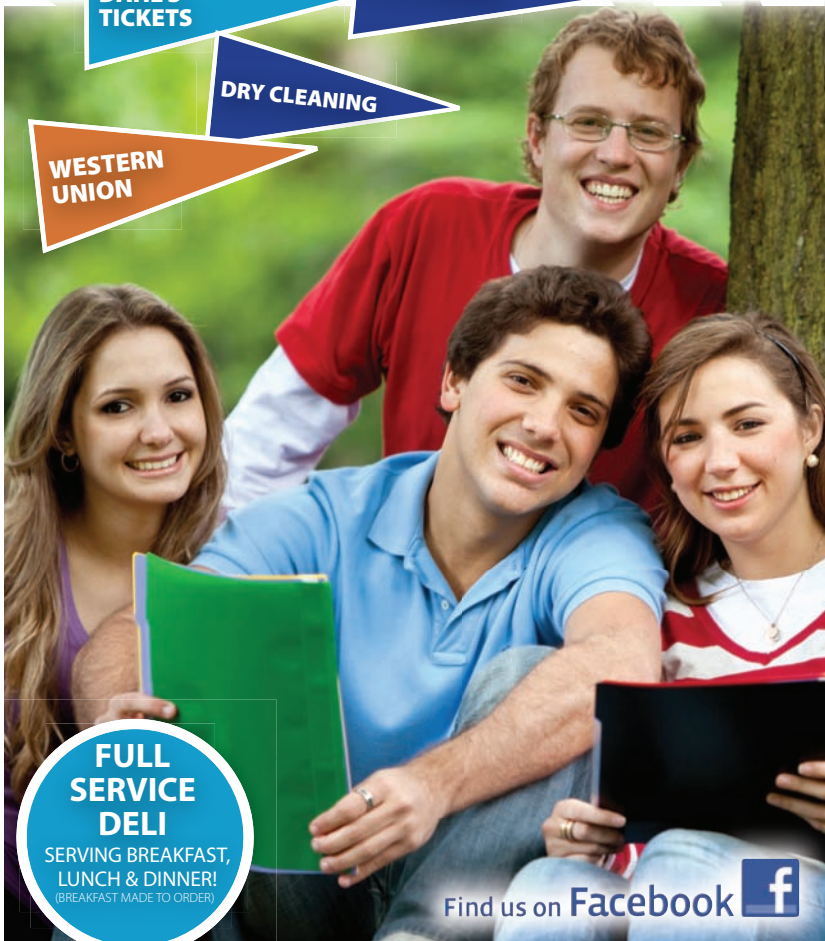
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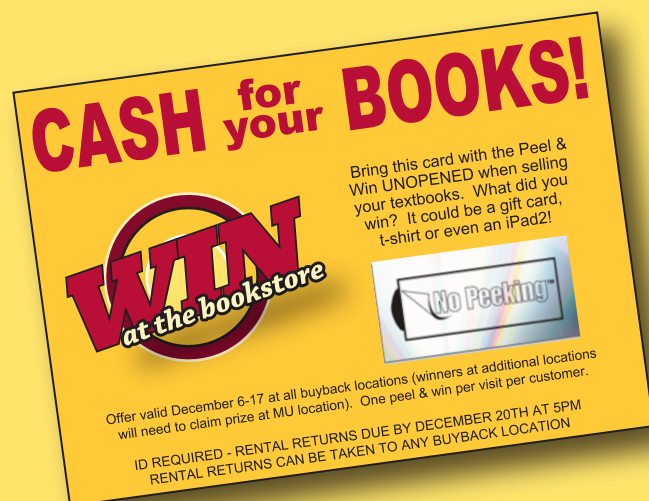


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## Lifestyle

# Blue Zones' healthy living act expands to include Ames

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The world has become increasingly concerned with healthy living over the last decade. There are numerous programs put in place to increase health among populations in order to sustain a long and happy life. Such a program, Blue Zones, has made it's way to Ames, Iowa.

The method of Blue Zones is as follows: "We studied the verifiable parts of the world where people live the longest and report the highest levels of well-being. We distill their lifestyle lessons and then, working with top scientists, offer ways for you to learn, measure and act on your own longevity and happiness."

Pair this with Brandstad's goal of making Iowa the healthiest state in the nation by 2016 and there is certainly opportunity for Ames, and Iowa as a whole, to make changes regarding healthy lifestyle.

Tor Finseth, GSB Liaison to City Council said, "They basically have looked at different countries around the world and decided which countries lived the longest. They analyze that

and are now a group of consultants that go to city governments to help citizens live 10 times their rate. The consultants work with different businesses to create healthy options."

Since Blue Zones, life expectancy has increased by 2.9 years. There has been a 49 percent decrease in city employee health care cost; there is a 21 percent drop in absentee by employers.

Blue Zones concluded the application process to the program on Nov. 23rd and will then allow the chosen cities, one of which being Ames, to gain citizen support.

"Part of the process is that the community can't change without citizen support. Since students make up half the population of Ames we really need student support on this. So, what were hoping is to get every student to go online and file a statement on [Blue Zones'] website that says we are willing to make that change and we want our government to do the same. Blue Zone developers will pick the top 10 that have the highest resident support," said Finseth.

Finalists are selected Feb. 10.

Interested? Make your pledge at [www.blue-zonesproject.com](http://www.blue-zonesproject.com) or text BZP to 772937.

## Academics

# Solutions offered to students who struggle with studying

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It is that time of year again. Thanksgiving break is over. The academic hammer is slamming down.

This is the time of year when students have a hard time tackling their academic overloads while still reserving down time for themselves with friends. Students who are searching for the happy medium between studies and social life are not alone.

Raymond Plaza, Coordinator of Special Projects and College Success Strategies course lecturer at Virginia Tech, thinks that the post-Thanksgiving break academic demands are a result of the time constraints of courses.

"The academic demands directly following Thanksgiving break are typically high because there is not much time left in the semester before finals, and there may be quite a bit of work left in some classes," Plaza said.

According to Plaza, nearly 50 percent of many students' grades will be earned during the last six weeks of class.

Academic demands are not the only things fighting for students' time, however.

After a week off from the college life, your social circle is ready to get back in action.

"As good as it is to go home, nothing beats coming back to Ames and kicking it with my friends," said Nicholas McEachron, sophomore in supply chain management.

And as if decisions were not complicated enough, how about the fact that psychology is working against students and their study habits also?

According to the psychological theory of discounting, humans in the decision making process will commonly place a higher value on activities that are in the present versus those in the future.

The importance of each activities plays a smaller role in the decision making process than the immediacy of the activity.

"Humans place psychological values on all activities such as going to a party or studying for an exam," said Karen Scheel, senior lecturer in psychology. "The immediacy of the activity is what influences the decision making process."

In college student terms, this means that the party you are invited to on Saturday will most

## Competition

# Dance Team reflects on successful season

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The curtain has closed on Iowa's 2011 annual high school and college dance championships and the Iowa State Dance Team returns to Ames with glory and determination.

After preparing for months, the Iowa State Gold and Cardinal dance teams took two routines to compete in the Iowa State Dance and Drill Team Association competition in Des Moines, Iowa last Friday.

"I could not have asked for a better performance from both squads," said Morgan Northway, senior in apparel, merchandising, design and production and co-captain of the Gold squad. "We left it all on the dance floor and didn't hold anything back."

The Cardinal squad, bringing home a first place finish in Division A pom, and the Gold squad, bringing home a second place finish in Division A jazz, are pleased with their performances at the competition.

"Cardinal squad did fantastic at state," said Stephanie Leeds, sophomore in pre-medicine and co-captain of the Cardinal squad. "We went into the competition wanting to perform our best and exceed our performance from last year, and we definitely did."

Both teams were reigning champions in their categories and the Gold squad has won the state title for the past three years over Iowa, the Northern Iowa and Drake.

This year, the Cardinal squad wowed spectators with a fast-paced, techno-inspired routine while the Gold squad impressed judges with a new, stylized jazz routine.

The squad's routines really pushed it to the limit this year, members say.

"This year, our state pom routine was noticeably more difficult than last year's," said Erica Tramonte, sophomore in

marketing and member of the Cardinal squad. "It was a challenge at first, but eventually all of our hard work paid off in the end."

The Gold squad took the second place finish by receiving only 1.5 points less than the University of Iowa. Both Iowa State and Iowa dancers showed off their talent at last week's competition.

"I think both universities did a great job of representing their schools and their dance programs," said Jill Petersen, head coach of the ISU dance team. "The talent in both programs is top notch and for young girls in the state of Iowa who were watching; it should give them great excitement to know the opportunity that is available for them to dance in college and to be a part of a great program."

Petersen has been coaching the team for 13 years and said the talent and the program progress each year.

"Since I began coaching, the team has grown from nine girls to 36 girls," she said. "From a team that basically just did sidelines to a team that consists of 2 squads that compete at both state and national competitions, the talent each year just gets better and better."

The ISU dance team is also led by assistant coach Sarah Stevens who choreographed the Cardinal squad's winning state routines for the past two years.

Following the competition's results, the team is more determined than ever to win back its title next year.

"We left it all on the floor and danced as one on Friday," said Jenny Dohmen, junior in elementary education and member of the Gold squad. "We gave it our all and will do the same for next year. We are committed to win back the state title with another creative, emotional, strong and powerful dance."

But next year's state com-

petition will not be the only thing on the ISU dance team's agenda. The girls on the team uphold a demanding schedule year round. The ISU dancers are present at all home football and basketball games and even some away games. The girls' weeks are filled with practices, games, workouts and appearances on top of school work and academic priorities.

"Dance team affects my schedule because we have things going on every day throughout the year," said Amy VanWagenen, senior in elementary education and member of the Gold squad. "We have to structure our schedules around practices, games and workouts, and we have to work in appearances as well."

Following the end of fall semester, the Gold squad will primarily be focusing on the national competition coming up in April.

Last year, the team finished third nationwide behind Brigham Young University and Louisville University.

"Getting third place at Nationals last year was unbelievable," Dohmen said. "We all wanted top five so badly, but never imagined we would receive third place with a 9.6 out of 10. I will always remember exactly where I was and who was around me when they announced it over the speakers."

Most girls on the team agree that all the hard work, time commitment and stresses that come as a result of being on the team is worth the glory felt at competitions and games.

"Competing and seeing our dances and team come together and accomplish something we all put so much effort and many hours into is what makes it worth being on this team," said Christie Cutter, senior in marketing and co-captain of the Gold squad. "No one else besides our teammates can relate to what we are feeling between stress, injury, involvement and pride."



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The ISU Academic Success Center offers many services to students, including help creating a personalized study plan, tutoring, supplemental instructions, and a writing and media center.

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likely take precedence over the study session you had planned for Monday's exam.

Every student has been guilty of it, but the real question is, how do you overcome the challenge of school-life balance?

Jill Kramer, program coordinator for Academic Intervention and Coaching at the ISU Academic Success Center, thinks it all starts with a detailed plan.

"A big part of finishing out the semester successfully is knowing what you need to accomplish," Kramer said. "When I talk to students, I help them set up a 40 hour work week schedule for academics because school is similar to a job. It helps students put their workloads into perspective and allows them to see what it should take to be successful."

Kramer works with thousands of students throughout the semester and sees students struggle for several different reasons.

"A lot of times, when students experience a bump in the road, they go from putting in the effort to wanting to give up," Kramer said. "They struggle to get back into it and rather than dealing with it, they start to avoid it."

Kramer has seen students struggle with almost every challenge imaginable ranging from roommate or relationship issues, to overloaded

schedules to physical and mental health.

Plaza thinks that external activities have the power to relieve these challenges and influence students' academic performance.

"Exercise, adequate sleep, a healthy diet, and budgeted downtime all help students stay focused during times of academic stress," Plaza said. "Each student has an activity that will help him or her unwind in his or her own way."

Although these activities are important, Kramer warns that it is also easy to get carried away.

"ISU does have over 500 clubs and organizations so you have to expect that they sometimes serve as distractions," Kramer said.

Plaza and Kramer agree that in order to succeed, each student must find the right fit for all of the important things in his or her life.

"The critical thing is finding a balance with all the activities," Plaza said.

"A lot of it will depend on the student and how he or she manages time. I think it helps to think about how you can make everything fit, rather than how to balance everything," Kramer said. "I think ISU has a great number of resources to help with that."

ISU offers several on-campus services to help students who are struggling with any issue.

Kramer, who works in the Academic Success Center,

helps primarily with academic coaching which is a part of the program's skills-based support.

"Skills-based support includes the full and half semester study skills courses and academic coaching support," Kramer said. "With coaching, we get to sit down, listen to the student's story and offer one on one support."

The ASC also offers course based support which provides students with tutoring services, supplemental instruction and a writing and media center.

Kramer thinks that many students do not realize the extensive amount of academic assistance services that ISU has to offer.

"I think that ISU has a lot of positive services that can help when students become overwhelmed with what they need to do," Kramer said. "And the university does a great job of engaging students with peer mentors, academic advisers and helping to build the environment to allow students to reach out to their own academic contacts."

Kramer said she may not always have all the right answers.

Despite that, she is willing to do whatever it takes to help students improve their academics.

"I don't care if I have to make 750 phone calls to get to the bottom of things, I'll do everything I can to help a student succeed," Kramer said.



## Caucus 2012

# GOP candidates square off in Des Moines debate

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DES MOINES — On a chilly Saturday night, hundreds of supporters and protesters lined the street of University Avenue along

the the campus of Drake University in Des Moines for the ABC Republican Debate.

The debate opened with a series of short introductions from several Iowa leaders including Iowa Republican Governor Terry Branstad, Iowa Republican Party Chairman Matt Strawn, and the president of Drake University, David Maxwell. Branstad and Strawn stressed the importance of Iowa's first-in-the-nation caucus, while Maxwell gave his praise to the candidates and the school.

After a brief technical transfer, the mics were handed over to ABC moderators George Stephanopoulos and Diane Sawyer who introduced the six presidential candidates as they approached the stage and the debate began. The debate immediately shifted its focus to jobs and the economy as Sawyer asked the candidates how the way would get



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Former U.S. Senator and presidential candidate Rick Santorum is interviewed after the Iowa Republican Presidential Debate at Sheslow Auditorium on the Drake University campus in Des Moines on Dec. 10.

America back on track.

"I understand where jobs are created, they're not creating in government, they're not created in Washington," said former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney. "We need to have trade policies that

make sense for America."

"I would like to cut \$1 trillion in the first year," said Texas Congressman Ron Paul. "That is the biggest culprit."

Other candidates also stressed similar positions including tax cuts for both indi-

viduals and businesses, repealing Obamacare, and getting rid of regulations that many of the candidates felt were holding back businesses from growing and creating jobs.

The next question of the night focused on the debate going on in Washington over extending the tax cuts for the middle class, which are set to expire on December 31. The candidates expressed differing views on the issue, which represented the first real divide of the night among the candidates.

"This is just a band-aid. We need to figure out how we are going to make America competitive again," Romney said. "The right course for America is to have a president who understands the economy."

Former Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum had a different take.

"We are going to have a serious debate about how to

fix social security," Santorum said. "You either care about social security and you fund it, or you don't."

Romney tried to take a swipe at former House Speaker Newt Gingrich early in the debate by mentioning how Gingrich was a life-long Washington insider, both during and after his time as a Georgia congressman. However, Gingrich immediately struck back by saying Romney would have been a career-long politician if he had not lost an election to Ted Kennedy in 1994.



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of the two.

This year's test, which measured a random sampling of fourth and eighth grade students from each of the 50 states, plus the District of Columbia and Department of Defense-run military schools, in the areas of mathematics and reading, showed that on average the national scores were rising while Iowa's scores remained at the same levels they have been for the past 20 years.

Iowa's fourth graders ranked 20 out of 52 in mathematics and 29 out of 52 in reading, while the state's eighth graders ranked 25 out of 52 in mathematics and 32 out of 52 in reading. Twenty years ago, Iowa students were at the top of these rankings.

Iowa administrators are not only hoping education reform occurs in K-12 schools, but also at the university and college levels, where future teachers of Iowa are developing the skills to become quality education leaders.

"I think the lack of focus from the state level on educational change is what we haven't had for 15 years, and now we've had it. It makes some people uncomfortable, but it needs to occur," said Gary Richardson, superintendent of MOC-Floyd Valley Schools. He believes one important step in this reform is to start having conversations with undergraduate and graduate level institutions.

"There needs to be more of a conversation between the K-12 and the 13-16 as to what is to be expected," said Richardson.

Richardson thinks there are currently problems with Iowa's education system, and these problems need to be addressed.

"There is very little dialogue between the two-year and four-year universities and what is being taught in high school. All you hear about is the complaints that kids can't do college work. Well, what is it that we need to do better? Or is it on your end?" Richardson said, who right now is also the superintendent of West Sioux Community Schools.

Elementary school principal for Rock Valley Community School District, Don Ortman, also believes universities need to pay closer attention to K-12 schools. Ortman hopes universities begin to take a closer look at their student expectations.

"I think all students of education are in class fewer days and hours than our K-12 students. Does that make sense? Is that helping them to become the best educator that they can be?" Ortman said.

This fall, according to an article in the Des Moines Register, Arizona State University began a program requiring its education students to complete a year-long apprenticeship, rather

than the traditional semester like Iowa State University and most other universities around the country.

Arizona's goal is for their undergraduate teacher preparation program to produce teachers at the same skill level as second-year teachers.

"A person never fully knows if he/she wants to be a teacher until he/she steps foot in a classroom outside of the role of student. Therefore, it's important to spend time in the classroom with effective teachers and clear-set goals," said Elizabeth Anderson, sophomore in elementary education. She believes the more hours in the classroom the better, but administrators need to make sure to balance the requirements.

Ortman thinks Arizona's new requirement is a great concept, but there would have to be several changes made to universities' existing plans, and several new issues would need to be addressed.

"Do we have too many students getting their teacher endorsements to make this logistically possible to implement a year-long apprenticeship? Should colleges and universities be more selective in who they allow into their schools of education especially in fields where there is an abundance of applicants like elementary education?" Ortman said.

In October of this year, Gov. Terry Branstad and Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds introduced their "blueprint" on how to restore Iowa's education system and compete with students, not only at a national level, but on a global one as well. This "blueprint" calls for reform focusing on teachers and principals, student expectations and achievement measures and education innovation.

"Our goal is lofty: Bring Iowa's schools on par with the highest-performing education systems in the world," wrote Jason Glass, director the Iowa Department of Education, in the conclusion to his proposal, titled "One Unshakable Vision: World-Class Schools for Iowa."

"Achieving the goal of creating world-class schools will not happen overnight. It will take a sustained effort that withstands the winds of political change. The journey should begin now with Iowans' renewed commitment to giving our children the best possible education," Glass continued. "That moment is upon us."

After graduating with a degree in elementary education, Elizabeth Anderson hopes to work alongside individuals who are good communicators, organized, positive, have good classroom management skills, are fair, open, caring, high goal setters and also fun.

She said the most important quality in any teacher, though, is "knowing that each student has a full potential to do anything, and I need to help them get there."

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required to do at the Hixson facility because they are so busy. They may not have time to devote to school because they are in class and practicing so much. Having these required hours makes them study and

really focus on school during those times."

Hoben believes being involved with organizations and having leadership experiences within those organizations leads to productive and influential citizens past the ISU experience.

"Not only is it Iowa State's responsibility to educate students, but to prepare them for leadership roles within their communities. For many students a college education lays the groundwork for a life of continuous learning," Hoben said.

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usual charges or withdrawals, Robinson said.

"It's a good idea to at least once a year to check your credit history," Robinson said. "Check for activity you're not aware of."

Florer said he once experienced a brief brush with identity theft.

He said his bank called to notify him that a charge had been made in the Caribbean on the same day Florer had purchased something in Ankeny.

"Most banks watch for suspicious charges," Florer said. "People realized there was something suspicious going on, so they cancelled the card and then called me."

If consumers believe that have become victims of identity theft, they should report it to the police as soon as possible, Robinson and Florer said.

"We respond to where that person is and meet face-to-face," Florer said. "We get as much information as possible about what has happened."

Tracking down where a consumer's identity was stolen is often difficult, Florer said. He said a person can lose his or her identity in a multiple number of places.

"Was it on vacation or on a website?" Florer asked. "It's a matter of determining what happened and how it happened."

Florer also said there are three types of identity theft: the unauthorized use of a credit card, the unauthorized use of an existing account and the misuse of information to receive a credit card or to open an account.

Florer said there have been ISU students who have been victims of identity theft.

However, the most common way this occurs is by people stealing other's trash and mail, not through online scams.

Students must be careful when throwing away important documents, like credit card applications, Florer said.

He said he recommends keeping those

documents or shredding them.

Florer also said students have reported having their identities stolen by their roommates, friends and acquaintances.

"We often see crimes of opportunity — you leave your purse open, someone sees the door open and there's an opportunity," Florer said. "Make sure the people you are around you can trust."

If someone becomes a victim of identity theft, all hope is not lost, Florer said.

He said some insurance companies offer identity theft protection in which those companies "make phone calls to track down what happened."

"It's not an easy road but it can be achieved," Florer said. "Insurance companies are out there to help you get your life back."

Florer said ISU Police works hard in its outreach program to educate students about issues commonly faced by college students.

He said the major issue the division deals with is alcohol.

However, officers do talk to students about protecting their identity.

"It's not just about identity theft — it's also about your privacy settings on Facebook," Florer said. "People have access to information without you even knowing."

Florer and Robinson both stressed the importance of safeguarding one's personal information in-person and online.

Florer said consumers today live in a technologically driven world and should pay close attention to what they share while using technology.

According to a 2010 Nielsen Global Consumer Report, Americans spent \$186 billion in online transactions in 2010.

That same year, as mentioned before, Americans lost over \$13.3 billion to identity theft.

"It's a lot easier to buy stuff online, but with that convenience comes more risk," Florer said.

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Nazism functioning as a major political movement."

Kim reviewed the results of Russia's recent parliamentary elections, saying that he wasn't aware of Nazism-espousing leaders gaining elected office in the country.

As long as this is the case, he said, neo-Nazis won't pose a major threat to Russia's social stability.

Like Kim, Ivan Martirosov rates the true extent of neo-Nazi influence in Russia as minimal.

"I think with years and years, it's actually getting more dissipated," Ivan said.

But the movement's relative lack of power doesn't make him hate it any less.

"I hope it's destroyed," he said.

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- Best sit down restaurant \_\_\_\_\_
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- Best place to get Italian \_\_\_\_\_
- Best sandwich shop \_\_\_\_\_
- Best bakery \_\_\_\_\_
- Best chicken wings \_\_\_\_\_
- Best pizza \_\_\_\_\_
- Best french fries \_\_\_\_\_
- Favorite drunk food \_\_\_\_\_
- Favorite healthy snack \_\_\_\_\_

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- Best house for house parties \_\_\_\_\_
- Best place to have sex \_\_\_\_\_
- Best place to gossip with friends \_\_\_\_\_
- Best place to “people-watch” \_\_\_\_\_
- Best thing to happen to Ames in past year \_\_\_\_\_

### Nightlife

- Best bar for karaoke \_\_\_\_\_
- Best song to get ready to \_\_\_\_\_
- Favorite bar for dancing \_\_\_\_\_
- Best bar to hang out with friends \_\_\_\_\_
- Best sports bar \_\_\_\_\_
- Best place to hear live music \_\_\_\_\_

### Lifestyle

- Best bank \_\_\_\_\_
- Best property management \_\_\_\_\_
- Best grocery store \_\_\_\_\_
- Best place to get your car serviced \_\_\_\_\_

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Best frozen treat \_\_\_\_\_  
Best restaurant service \_\_\_\_\_

**Drinks**

Best cafe \_\_\_\_\_  
Best place for happy hour \_\_\_\_\_  
Best place to get margaritas \_\_\_\_\_  
Best “hole-in-the-wall” bar \_\_\_\_\_  
Best liquor Store \_\_\_\_\_  
Favorite beer \_\_\_\_\_  
Favorite mixed drink \_\_\_\_\_  
Favorite wine \_\_\_\_\_

**Fashion and Beauty**

Best place to get a spray tan \_\_\_\_\_  
Best place to get a tan \_\_\_\_\_  
Best salon \_\_\_\_\_  
Best barber shop \_\_\_\_\_  
Best place to get a manicure/pedicure \_\_\_\_\_  
Best apparel shop \_\_\_\_\_  
Best place to buy jeans \_\_\_\_\_  
Best place to buy Iowa State gear \_\_\_\_\_  
Best jeweler \_\_\_\_\_  
Best consignment store \_\_\_\_\_



Best gas station \_\_\_\_\_  
Best car wash \_\_\_\_\_  
Best tattoo parlor \_\_\_\_\_  
Best place to get flowers \_\_\_\_\_  
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Best pet store \_\_\_\_\_

**Campus**

Best place to nap on campus \_\_\_\_\_  
Best ISU tradition \_\_\_\_\_  
Best residence hall \_\_\_\_\_  
Best dining center \_\_\_\_\_  
Best ISU sports team \_\_\_\_\_  
Best class to take at ISU \_\_\_\_\_  
Favorite professor \_\_\_\_\_

**Health and Fitness**

Best overall fitness center \_\_\_\_\_  
Best golf course \_\_\_\_\_  
Gym with the hottest guys \_\_\_\_\_  
Gym with the hottest girls \_\_\_\_\_  
Best place for dentistry \_\_\_\_\_  
Best place to visit a chiropractor \_\_\_\_\_  
Favorite fitness class \_\_\_\_\_  
Favorite fitness instructor \_\_\_\_\_  
Best healthcare center \_\_\_\_\_

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- MU main lounge(near post office)
  - MU east student office space  
(across from Panda Express)
  - Parks Library(1st floor near stairwell)
  - the Daily (108 Hamilton Hall)



## Elections

# Students encouraged to caucus this January

*Voting enables students' voices to help decide 'volatile' GOP race*

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As finals descend this week, the ISU student is transitioning between anguish over tests and relief that they are almost over.

This phenomenon gets to the best of students, but there is still something to look forward to: the Iowa Caucuses.

With less than a month before the Iowa Caucuses are to be held on Jan. 3, 2012, it is important that every student be given the correct information on what the caucuses are, why they are important and how they can participate.

The Iowa Caucuses are the first-in-the-nation step to selecting a presidential nominee for both the Republican and Democratic Parties.

In the months that lead up to the Jan. 3 date, prominent presidential candidates, in this case Republicans, will spend substantial amounts of time and money in the state of Iowa trying to convince Iowa voters why they should be their party's nominee to run for president against Barack Obama in 2012.

Through a series of debates, polls, campaigning, ads and phone calls, each candidate hopes that their efforts will motivate enough supporters to attend the caucus on Jan. 3 to vote for them.

"The Iowa Caucus is important in the presidential nomination process because it is able to weed out nonviable candidates from the rest of the field," said David Peterson, associate professor in political science. "Students are especially important because they are able to set someone up to succeed or to fail. ... They can give someone like Ron Paul a strong lift."

1 Meet at one of Iowa's precincts. If you do not know your narrowest location, contact your county party chair or the state party headquarters.

2 Once at the meeting, a straw poll is taken by secret ballot to determine the number of delegates.

3 The votes at the local precincts are counted.

## Seven steps to the Republican Caucuses

4 The State of Iowa Republican Convention selects 23 delegates and an additional three delegates per district, totaling 41, to the national convention. The GOP selects a presidential candidate at the national convention.

5 Six district conventions are held in Iowa and each district selects three delegates.

6 A county convention is then held to select delegates for the district convention.

7 The counted votes are sent to the state party headquarters. The votes are counted again and the number of delegates are then selected. The Republican Party then begins selecting 41 delegates to represent Iowa.

On the evening of Jan. 3, every registered Iowa Republican or Democrat over the age of 18 will be able to attend their local precinct caucus to vote for their favorite candidate.

The Republican Party has yet to release the locations of its precincts in Ames — Iowa State will keep students updated on status of locations — but the Democratic Party has announced that they will hold their caucus 3 at 5:30 p.m. in the Ames High School cafeteria.

From there, the voting begins.

Democrats and Republicans have different ways of conducting their caucuses, but overall, the outcome

is the same.

For Republicans, who will actually be selecting from more than one candidate this year, they will attend their designated local precinct caucus and vote by secret ballot for their favorite presidential candidate.

Votes will then be sent to the Republican Party headquarters where the popular vote for the entire state will be calculated and reported to the media, which quickly announces a winner for the state.

At the same time, delegates from local precinct caucuses attend county conventions where delegates are again selected to attend district and then the state

convention where Iowa will formally select a winner and send delegates to represent Iowa at the national convention later in the year where a presidential nominee is formally chosen.

Iowa State students can easily participate in the caucuses whether they are in Ames or back home, as long as they are members of their respective party.

If students choose to stay in Ames, they will be able to find out soon enough the location of their local precinct caucus around campus, attend and vote without any issue.

The same is true for students who go home and attend their own local precinct caucuses.

"There's still a lot of volatility left in the race," said Dianne Bystrom, director of the Carrie Chapman-Catt Center. "And if students want their voices heard, then they need to show up and vote."

Young voters tend to get overlooked by many candidates during the campaign process, but more recently the young vote is becoming more and more important as many students and young people feel that the downed economy will have a real impact on their futures.

This is why it is so important that Iowa State students participate in the caucuses and then vote in the general elections next November.

"Young voters always seem

to be excited to vote, but nobody really believes that they will show up," Peterson said.

Drawing on that, it needs to be said that this is a time when young voters can prove everyone else wrong and make a difference.

And that difference can start right here at Iowa State where students may participate in the democratic process and actually make a difference in their government.

"There seems to be a disconnect between young people and the rest of the electorate," Bystrom said. "But what young people need to realize is that their votes count, and they should be out there demanding that their voices are heard."

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# CAUCUS 2012

## POLICIES:

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### ABORTION

Life begins at conception. Federal funding to women's health care agencies such as Planned Parenthood should be eliminated because they perform abortion surgeries.

### EDUCATION

Education responsibilities should be devolved back to the states as much as possible in an effort to allow states to decide for themselves how to best craft their own education systems.

### GAY MARRIAGE

Marriage is between only a man and a woman. While the decision of legalizing gay marriage should be left to state legislatures, federal laws such as the Defense of Marriage Act, or DOMA, should still be kept in place.

### HEALTH CARE

The 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare," should be immediately repealed because it is a transition to a single-payer health care system. Medicare and Medicaid should also be restructured because they are drivers of the national deficit.

### IMMIGRATION

America's immigration laws should be more strictly enforced. Actions taken to enforce it include but are not limited to building a fence on every mile of America's southern border with Mexico. Amnesty should not be given to illegal aliens already living in the United States.

### MILITARY/FOREIGN POLICY

The United States should continue to maintain a very strong national defense both at home and abroad. This includes preserving the size and strength of the United States' military as well as supporting allies such as Israel and standing up to foes such as Iran.

### TAXES/ECONOMY

Necessary spending cuts should be made in an effort to reduce the size and role of the federal government and balance the federal budget. The number of tax brackets should be reduced and the corporate tax code should be made simpler. This will allow small business owners to put more money back into their businesses and corporations to bring money back to the United States to invest in American growth and create jobs.

*\*This information came from either the candidate's website or a statement made in a GOP debate.*



By Ashley Seaton  
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**Birthday:** April 6, 1956

**Family:** Bachmann and her husband Marcus have five children and 23 foster children.

**College:** Graduated from Winona State University, and then later received her J.D. at the O.W. Coburn School of Law at Oral Roberts University and an L.L.M. in Tax Law at the College of William and Mary.

**Pre-congressional career:** Federal tax litigation attorney in Minnesota and also opened a small business health care clinic in Stillwater.

**Congressional career:** First female Minnesota Congressman

## Trail dates

**Dec. 14**

- Des Moines
- Attending Mike Huckabee's screening of the anti-abortion documentary "Gift of Life."

**Dec. 15**

- Sioux City
- Attending the Republican presidential debate hosted by the Iowa Republican Party and Fox News.

## COMMENTARY:

## *Bachmann's Iowa success fading in polls*

Michele Bachmann is a Republican member of the U.S. House of Representatives, representing Minnesota's 6th Congressional District since 2007. She was one of the first Republicans to declare that she was a candidate for the Republican nomination for president.

Born in Waterloo, Iowa, she campaigned as a former Iowan and spent a huge amount of time in the state. Bachmann supports the tea party movement and is a founder of the House Tea Party Caucus. She's the only woman running in 2012 and a very conservative, Christian, faith-based contender.

Bachmann is a powerful speaker and showed enough strength in Iowa to win the Ames GOP summer straw poll. Her sometimes startling and inaccurate comments on issues and what some consider too much makeup have been noted. She went from first to among the lowest scoring contenders at 8 percent in a recent Iowa poll.



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## COMMENTARY:

## *Bachmann maintains consistent morals, ethics*

Michele Bachmann is a woman of great intelligence, character and perseverance, as she has shown throughout this presidential race.

She is more than meets the eye, and embraces the Midwest spirit that all candidates should get a taste of.

Bachmann has kept her morals and ethics consistent during this long campaign process, which is something that quite obviously most candidates can't say at this point.

In my opinion, if she was elected president, Bachmann has the best assets to pull America through this politically and economically low

**Lindee Shultice** is a junior in journalism and mass communication

point.

What she puts most of her emphasis on is reducing taxes and reforming the health care system.

Bachmann wants to return to a more simple way of government where Congress is much less invasive of citizens' private lives.

This goes hand-in-hand with the fact that she wants to leave the market as it is, and in turn the economy will work itself out.

"We're in a state of crisis where

our nation is literally ripping apart at the seams right now, and lawlessness is occurring from one ocean to the other. And we're seeing the fulfillment of the Book of Judges here in our own time, where every man doing that which is right in his own eyes — in other words, anarchy," congresswoman Bachmann stated in a radio program in 2007.

This quote helps to embrace what she truly thinks this country has come to.

I think her religious background is a breath of fresh air through the campaign.

Bachmann is not afraid to speak what is on her mind. When

she does, however, she does so in a respectful, honorable manner towards her audience.

I find that her charisma is the most intriguing thing about her, and that she genuinely cares about the well-being of everyone.

It is rare to find a candidate that wants small businesses and middle class families to come out of the process on top.

But ultimately, that is what she is fighting for.

Bachmann wants there to be a country with Republican values or notions, instead of the Democratic ideals we are currently experiencing.



# CAUCUS 2012

## POLICIES:

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### ABORTION

All forms of taxpayer subsidies for abortion should be eliminated, including federal support for Planned Parenthood. The "Mexico City Policy," which bans funding to organizations that promote and/or perform abortions overseas, should be reinstated.

### EDUCATION

Parents should have the right to pick which school is right for their children. Pell Grant-style system should be instituted for K-12 students, including home-schooled children. The Department of Education should be shrunk substantially and accountability should be handed over to local and state education.

### GAY MARRIAGE

Marriage is between a man and a woman. For all of recorded history, marriage has been defined that way and there is no reason to change that because gay marriage fundamentally goes against everything we know.

### HEALTH CARE

President Obama's health care bill should be immediately repealed. Health insurance should be made more affordable and more portable by giving Americans the option of receiving a generous tax credit or allowing them to purchase insurance across state lines. Strong investments should be made in research for health solutions.

### IMMIGRATION

Controlling the United States border is a matter of national security. Border control strategy should include aerial drone flights, strategic fencing and greater communication between state and federal authorities. American visa process should be streamlined and simplified. Path to earned legality for some of the millions of people who are here outside the law needs to be created.

### MILITARY/FOREIGN POLICY

The United States must develop a grand strategy for defeating radical Islam instead of treating Iraq, Afghanistan and other areas as if there are isolated incidents. Military force must be used judiciously and with clear, obtainable objectives understood by Congress.

### TAXES/ECONOMY

Implementing a bold series of tax cuts will make the United States the most desirable location for new business investment. By moving toward an optional flat tax rate of 15 percent, it will simplify the tax system without unfairly targeting the poor. Fundamental reform of entitlement programs and spending cuts are essential to balancing the federal budget and growing the economy.

*\*This information came from either the candidate's website or a statement made in a GOP debate.*

## NEWT GINGRICH

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**Birthday:** June 17, 1943

**Family:** Gingrich and his wife Callista have two daughters and two grandchildren.

**College:** Received a bachelor's degree in history at Emory University and a master's and doctorate in modern European history from Tulane University.

**Pre-congressional career:** Taught history and environmental studies at West Georgia College.

**Congressional career:** Georgia Congressman and four-year Speaker of the House



## Trail dates

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- Attending a Lincoln Douglas-style debate with Jon Huntsman.

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## COMMENTARY: *'Ruthless' Gingrich rises to top of Iowa polls*

Newton Leroy "Newt" Gingrich is the former Speaker of the House of Representatives. He helped craft the 1994 Contract with America, which propelled the GOP to a majority in the House for the first time in 40 years.

Gingrich was called a "bomb thrower" because his politics were so ruthless. Gingrich's abrasive style eventually forced him to resign from his position as Speaker. He was all but written off as a contender for 2012, but recovered after good performances in debates.

Gingrich's personal life (three divorces and two affairs) and his lobbying for the health care industry and Fannie Mae may still give him trouble in the race.

Gingrich had risen to top of the field with 25 percent in the latest Des Moines Register poll. He is now also seen as a real threat to Mitt Romney and a potentially powerful contender against President Barack Obama.



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## INTERNATIONAL VIEWS:

## *Gingrich calls Palestinians 'invented people'*

By the CNN Wire staff

Senior Palestinian leaders on Saturday strongly criticized comments by Republican presidential frontrunner Newt Gingrich that the Palestinians are an "invented" people, calling them ignorant and racist.

Top Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erakat said the Gingrich remark was "the most racist statement I've ever seen."

Erakat, who has negotiated in talks with Israel and the United States, said the remarks show "how really despicable things can get" in American politics.

"Such thinking should be an

alarm and concern for the world," Erakat said.

Gingrich made the comments in an interview that aired Friday with The Jewish Channel, a U.S. cable channel.

"I believe that the Jewish people have the right to have a state," Gingrich said in the cable channel interview. "Remember, there was no Palestine as a state. It was part of the Ottoman Empire. And I think that we've had an invented Palestinian people, who are in fact Arabs, who are historically part of the Arab community."

He added, "And they had a chance to go many places and for a

variety of political reasons, we have sustained this war against Israel now since the 1940s. I think it's tragic."

His comments, seemingly off the path from United States foreign policy supporting a two-state solution in the Middle East, come days after Gingrich attended a forum.

The forum was sponsored by the Republican Jewish Coalition in Washington, D.C., and as the current crop of GOP candidates compete for the Jewish vote.

Palestinians including Prime Minister Salam Fayyad said Gingrich needs to reexamine the history books.

"The Palestinian people inhabited the land since the dawn of history, and intend to remain in it until the end times," Fayyad said Saturday at an event in the West Bank city of Ramallah. "People like Gingrich must consult history, as it seems that all what he knows about the region is the history of the Ottoman era."

An executive committee member of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Hanan Ashrawi, said Gingrich has "lost touch with reality."

CNN's Kevin Flower, Ashley Killough and Rachel Streitfeld contributed to this report.

# CAUCUS 2012

## POLICIES:

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### ABORTION

Right to life amendment should be put into the United States Constitution. Several additional steps can be taken including making second-trimester abortions illegal, parental permission requirement for abortion and, if Roe v. Wade were overturned, outright banning abortion altogether.

### EDUCATION

The entire United States education system should be localized as much as possible; the federal government should keep away from trying to micromanage the education of our children. Early learning, especially in math and languages, should be thoroughly stressed in our schools' curricula.

### GAY MARRIAGE

Traditional marriage should first and foremost be respected but also should civil unions. However, the final legal decision for same-sex civil union should ultimately be left up to individual states.

### HEALTH CARE

President Obama's health care reform bill should be rolled back and stripped down. The federal government has no business in enforcing individual mandates upon its citizens. Market-based, consumer-empowering legislation is what needs to drive America's health care system.

### IMMIGRATION

There has to be a solution to illegal immigrants rather than sending back the more than 10 million who are already here. However, first and foremost, the United States needs to secure its borders through fences, technology and deployment of National Guard troops.

### MILITARY/FOREIGN POLICY

The United States needs to sustain its pre-eminence as a force of good. Additionally, America needs to reaffirm its commitment to its traditional allies as well as reaching out to rising powers like India and China. Creating a modern defense and military is essential to preparing for future wars and dealing with a Pacific-centric century.

### ECONOMY

American businesses suffer from the second-highest corporate tax rate in the world. High marginal tax rates also negatively impact small businesses and they must be reduced for America to compete in the 21st century. Also, the Environmental Protection Agency's jobs-killing regulations must be reined in.

*\*This information came from either the candidate's website or a statement made in a GOP debate.*

## JON HUNTSMAN

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**Birthday:** March 16, 1960

**Family:** Huntsman and his wife, Mary Kaye, have seven children, two of which are adopted girls from China and India.

**College:** Graduated from the University of Pennsylvania

**Pre-congressional career:** Executive in his family's business, Huntsman Corp.

**Political career:** Governor of Utah, ambassador to China



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## COMMENTARY: *'Dark horse'* *Huntsman* *skips out on* *Iowa caucus*

Jon Huntsman was touted a few months ago as the "51-year-old former governor of Utah [who] officially announced his much-anticipated entry into the presidential race with the Statue of Liberty spectacularly serving as the backdrop. The highly rated and charismatic Republican technocrat is considered by many in Washington as one of most dangerous dark horses in the race, and is one of the few capable of unseating President Obama."

He recently served as U.S. ambassador to China.

However, his more moderate positions on many issues have left him dangling alone and not getting any traction with the conservative republican base.

He has decided to skip the Iowa caucuses and bank on the New Hampshire primary as his best bet, but is lagging in all the polls.

In Iowa poll numbers, he has risen to 2 percent at the bottom of the list.



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## COMMENTARY:

## *Huntsman's politics deserve further attention*

In a crowded field of candidates, one stands apart from the rest with his experience, leadership and results. That candidate is former governor of Utah, Jon Huntsman. The United States requires a leader with the necessary foreign policy experience to meet the challenges of the 21st century. As the former U.S. ambassador to Singapore, and to China, Gov. Huntsman brings an unparalleled depth of knowledge. His commitment to ensure that the United States does not continue nation-building but rather focus on rebuilding America's core at home makes him unique.

During his time as governor,

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Huntsman was able to pass the largest tax cut in Utah's history. He implemented market-based health care reform that didn't require individual mandate. Huntsman chose to cut government waste and pushed for government efficiency. As a result, Utah was the No. 1 state in the nation with job creation during his tenure as governor. If elected, Huntsman would seek to end crony capitalism by eliminating 'too big to fail.' He is also the only

candidate to have his economic plan endorsed by the Wall Street Journal. His plan is to overhaul the cumbersome tax system by reducing the corporate tax from 35 to 25 percent, and eliminating the capital gains and dividends tax. He would seek to repeal regulations such as Obamacare and Dodd/Frank. Additionally, Huntsman would seek to reign in the Environmental Protection Agency, which has killed many jobs in the energy sector.

Huntsman's conservative record is perhaps one of the best kept secrets of the race. He has always been consistently pro-life and pro-gun. He does differ from some

of the contenders in his belief in civil unions for homosexual couples and that man contributes to global warming. However, he does not believe that the United States should use cap and trade policies which would only stifle economic growth, instead favoring tax incentives for businesses to become more environmentally friendly. Unlike other candidates, Huntsman stands on his principles, even if another position is more politically expedient.

Republicans need a candidate that can bring people from all walks of life together. He should be the one to lead the GOP against President Obama in 2012.



# CAUCUS 2012

## POLICIES:

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### ABORTION

Life begins at conception, therefore life should be defined this way by passing a "Sanctity of Life Act." By effectively repealing Roe v. Wade and preventing activist judges from interfering with state decisions, abortion can be removed from federal jurisdiction.

### EDUCATION

No big government spending program can or will solve our nation's education problems; one-size-fits-all central planning simply does not work. Therefore, the Department of Education needs to be eliminated and home-schooling and educational freedom efforts must be supported.

### GAY MARRIAGE

The federal government should have no business in defining marriage. Whether defined as a union between one man and one woman or anything else, recognizing or legislating marriages should be left to the states and not subjected to judicial activism.

### HEALTH CARE

It is unconstitutional that the federal government mandate that all Americans must carry only government-approved health insurances and therefore President Obama's health care plan must be repealed. Tax credits and deductions should be provided for all medical expenses.

### IMMIGRATION

Instead of policing the world, America's borders are what need to be secured the most. No amnesty shall be given to illegal immigrants, birth-right citizenship must end and the protection of lawful immigrants must be upheld.

### MILITARY/FOREIGN POLICY

By acting as the world's police man and nation-building, the United States is becoming weaker. The United States ought to avoid expensive and catastrophic wars and American soldiers should only be sent to fight where there is a clear mission with all the tools necessary to accomplish it and bring them home. The Constitution must be the only means through which the United States declares war and captures or kills terrorist leaders.

### TAXES/ECONOMY

Keeping taxes this high in a down economy would be a mistake. A liberty amendment should be added to the Constitution whereby income, death and capital gains taxes would be completely eliminated. Additionally, the federal budget should be balanced at every year, unnecessary regulations on small businesses should be repealed and a full audit of the Federal Reserve should be undertaken to ensure the strength of the American dollar and, reflexively, the economy.

*\*This information came from either the candidate's website or a statement made in a GOP debate.*



By Ashley Seaton  
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**Birthday:** Aug. 20, 1935

**Family:** Paul and his wife Carol have five children and 18 grandchildren

**College:** Graduated from Gettysburg College and Duke University School of Medicine

**Pre-congressional career:** Flight surgeon in US Air Force and later practiced obstetrics/gynecology in Brazoria County, Texas.

**Political career:** Texas congressman

## RON PAUL

### Trail dates

#### Dec. 14

- Des Moines
- Attending Mike Huckabee's screening of the documentary "Gift of Life."

#### Dec. 15

- Des Moines
- Attending the Republican presidential debate hosted by the Iowa Republican Party and Fox News.

#### Dec. 21

- Mount Pleasant, Iowa
- Hosting town hall meeting in Civic Center Meeting Room

## COMMENTARY:

### *Paul builds solid support with 'eclectic' Republicans*

Texas Congressman Ron Paul has been a contender for president for several rounds. He has a Ronald Reagan-like style and likability.

He also has a passionate following of often-younger voters who support his libertarian revolution of smaller government, more personal freedom (no Patriot Act and other intrusive information gathering) and opposition to foreign wars, assassinations of foreign leaders and torture.

While some of his positions don't fit at all with the Iowa conservative Republican base, he has built a solid support from a growing number of more eclectic Republicans and this has earned him an 18 percent poll position in second place in Iowa.

In another Iowa poll, he was at 20.4 percent. Some believe that in the end he could win the Iowa caucuses. He also has solid backing in New Hampshire, the second big political event.



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## COMMENTARY:

### *Ron Paul understands purpose of government*

Ron Paul should be the next president of the United States of America because he understands that the sole purpose of an ethical government is to protect the freedoms and rights of its citizens. Luckily as Americans, we have a charter that explicitly outlines the roles and responsibilities of our federal government that was created to limit their role in our lives. Every decision Ron Paul makes is based on the principles of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, which makes him the most moral and consistent candidate.

Paul understands that granting special privileges through bailouts,

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welfare programs or government favors can only come at the expense of other individuals acted upon with force. This force comes in the form of taxation and devaluation of the dollar. His plan slashes the federal budget by \$1 trillion a year one without raising taxes and eliminates five federal bureaucracies. Doing this would help the economy and start creating real long-term growth rather than a Keynesian inflationary boom followed by a bust.

Ron Paul knows that our presence overseas hurts our national defense and weakens our economy. His constitutional position of free trade with all countries and neutrality in foreign affairs would eliminate much of the hostility towards us by other nations. The three motives given by bin Laden and cited by the 9/11 commission for the attacks on 9/11 were: sanctions imposed on Iran, the presence of U.S. military in Saudi Arabia and U.S. financial support of Israel. Historically, countries that remain neutral in foreign affairs have been attacked far less frequently than those engaged in building empires.

In 2007, Paul predicted that Obama was not being honest and did not plan on sticking to the 16-month time frame to withdraw troops from Iraq. Ron Paul has been spreading the same message for over 30 years, and he correctly predicted much of what has happened to America. If his current predictions about the future of the U.S. economy turn out to be right again, we are on the verge of a much worse economic collapse than the one we witnessed in 2008.

The only option is to rethink the role of government and return to the principles taught by our founders.

# CAUCUS 2012

## POLICIES:

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### ABORTION

Life begins at conception. A real solution to the issue is a ban on tax dollars for abortion and a human life amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Only judges who have demonstrated a strong commitment to the Constitution and interpreting the law as written will be appointed to the Supreme Court.

### EDUCATION

The federal government should have very little say in the education of our children. That being said, the Department of Education must be eliminated and parents should have the right to choose what education is best for their children, whether that be home, public, charter or private school through the use of a voucher system.

### GAY MARRIAGE

Traditional marriage should be strongly protected. As the state Defense of Marriage Act was signed and a marriage amendment was supported by me in the Texas state constitution, the same would be done as president.

### HEALTH CARE

President Obama's misguided, unconstitutional and unsustainable health care plan must be immediately repealed. The best way to improve health care is to stimulate job creation so more Americans are covered by employer-sponsored health plans, as well as seriously reform Medicare and Medicaid to ensure the wise use of tax dollars and increase quality of care.

### IMMIGRATION

Building a strategic fence, deploying troops, using aviation assets and working with Mexico will ensure that our borders will be safe. Children of illegal aliens also deserve to be educated because if they don't, they will become a drain on society.

### MILITARY/FOREIGN POLICY

Our adversaries and allies alike must know that the United States seeks peace from a position of strength. We must strengthen our diplomatic relationships and stand firm with our allies against our common enemies. Additionally, we need to ensure that America has the resources to maintain a strong, modern defense and presence to defend our interests around the globe.

### TAXES/ECONOMY

The Cut, Balance and Grow plan will ensure that America's economy gets back on track. By cutting taxes and slashing spending, we will be able to balance the federal budget by 2020 and grow millions of jobs. Also, the entire tax code and job-killing regulations will be thrown out and replaced by a 20 percent flat tax system that can be filed on a postcard, which will in turn allow employers to create more jobs and help the economy grow.

*\*This information came from either the candidate's website or a statement made in a GOP debate.*

## RICK PERRY

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**Birthday:** March 4, 1950

**Family:** Perry and his wife, Anita, have two children, a son and a daughter.

**College:** Received a bachelor's degree in animal science from Texas A&M University

**Pre-congressional career:** Air Force Captain and worked on his family farm.

**Political career:** Former Texas congressman and current governor of Texas



## Trail dates

### Dec. 14

- Des Moines
- Attending Mike Huckabee's screening of the documentary "Gift of Life."

### Dec. 15

- Des Moines
- Attending the Republican presidential debate hosted by the Iowa Republican Party and Fox News.

## COMMENTARY:

## Late entry, but not out of contest for president

Texas Governor Rick Perry was a late-comer to the presidential contest.

He reminds many voters of the last Texan to serve in the White House — former president George W. Bush — which is a distinct liability since Bush left with very low approval ratings and a very critical Republican Party.

Perry did very poorly in most presidential debates and had many "oops!" moments, such as when he forgot the third federal government agency he wanted to eliminate.

He also favors giving children of illegal immigrants in-state college tuition in Texas and has been identified with oil and being opposed to ethanol tax breaks, which is a poor position in Iowa.

He was at the tail end, single digit of the eight contestants with only six percent in the latest poll, tied for next to last with candidate Rick Santorum.



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## COMMENTARY:

## Perry brings outside knowledge to Washington

Rick Perry has been overlooked by many conservative Iowans due to his poor debate performances, but this is a mistake.

Herman Cain, soon to be followed by former House Speaker Gingrich, received a lot of Perry's former supporters.

With Cain out, that leaves two people to compare Gov. Perry to: Gingrich and Obama.

The comparison with the president is a very good one for the governor.

He has created numerous jobs, and has arguably made Texas one of the most economically sound states in the nation.

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In addition, he is a strong constitutionalist and conservative.

Americans are looking for all of these traits and results in 2012.

Gingrich is the other top tier candidate that is considered conservative at the moment.

A look at his record, however, says differently.

Gingrich supported the individual mandate at one point, at the national level.

Perry is a true Washington out-

sider where the Speaker has spent most of his time there.

He went on record as recently as 2007 stating his support for a Medicare voucher program, but in an effort to sound intellectual threw Paul Ryan, a true conservative, under the bus.

Republicans are supposed to be the party of family and morality, but again Gingrich falls short.

Gingrich is on his third wife and certainly wasn't faithful to the other two.

Rick Perry, on the other hand, has always had a great relationship with his wife.

That's also not to count out

the fact that Gingrich is the only speaker in history to be found guilty of ethics violations.

Despite that, we are supposed to take him at his word that he gets paid millions of dollars for "history lessons" from companies raking in billions of dollars from the tax payers.

If Americans want the same as we have now, big business and big government working together while the tax payers suffer, then Newt Gingrich will be the best choice.

Otherwise we should look at the records of some politicians outside of Washington.



# CAUCUS 2012

## POLICIES:

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### ABORTION

Abortion should be limited to only instances of rape, incest or to save the life of the mother. Roe v. Wade was a bad decision that needs to be reversed by appointing judges who adhere to the Constitution and the laws as they are written. Every possible step will be taken to promote a culture of life in America.

### EDUCATION

Teachers' unions have had a negative impact on our schools and the education of our children. Also, education has to be held at the local and state levels, not the federal level. We need to get the federal government out of education. The best option for improving academic success is getting the best teachers, so we should insist that teachers get evaluated to ensure that the unsuccessful ones are removed from the classroom.

### GAY MARRIAGE

Marriage should be defined as a relationship between one man and one woman. This should be decided at the federal level. People move from state to state and marriage should be something that is constant across the country. There should be a federal amendment to the Constitution to establish this.

### HEALTH CARE

An immediate repeal of President Obama's health care plan should be adopted and, in place, a series of health care reforms to lower costs and empower states to craft their own health care solutions should be undertaken. These state incentives to make market-based reforms will bring down the cost of health care while improving the quality of it.

### IMMIGRATION

We can secure our borders through means of fences, but the visa process is broken. By granting amnesty, we will only encourage more to come here illegally. We need to develop alien employment cards so all immigrants who want to come and work here legally can do so without having to revert to illegal means of getting into the country.

### MILITARY/FOREIGN POLICY

The right course for us is to stand behind our friends, to listen to them and to let the entire world know that we will stay with them. Also, it is unacceptable for Iran to become a nuclear nation. The best ally world peace has ever known is a strong America.

### TAXES/ECONOMY

While it is necessary for the moment to maintain current tax rates on personal income, we need to pursue a conservative overhaul of the tax system over the long term that includes lower, flatter rates on a broader base. Also, by reducing the corporate tax rate to 25 percent and promoting free trade and free market policies at home and abroad, we will create more American jobs and help the American economy get back on track.

*\*This information came from either the candidate's website or a statement made in a GOP debate.*



## MITT ROMNEY

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**Birthday:** March 12, 1947

**Family:** Romney married his wife, Ann, in 1969. They have five sons and 16 grandchildren.

**College:** Graduated from Brigham Young University and earned dual degrees at Harvard in both law and business.

**Pre-congressional career:** Business consultant and later CEO of Bain and Company. He is also the founder of Bain Capital.

**Political career:** Governor of Massachusetts

## Trail dates

### Dec. 14

- New York City
- Hosting four fundraisers.

### Dec. 15

- Des Moines
- Attending the Republican presidential debate hosted by the Iowa Republican Party and Fox News.

## COMMENTARY: *Strong debate performances result in great voter support*

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney has been the steady 25 percent of Republican voters' choice for most of the political season. He has been criticized for flip-flopping on such issues as abortion, federal spending for stimulus and especially RomneyCare, his Massachusetts mandatory health insurance coverage law.

Romney's campaign strategy was to basically skip Iowa and concentrate on winning big in New Hampshire, where he has a natural "neighbor" (Massachusetts) advantage. He has also largely avoided the news media and given very few interviews.

Romney's debate performances have been strong. However, as the Iowa caucuses closed in, he became snitty with a news reporter who was interviewing him and there are signs that his campaign is now worried about Newt Gingrich beating him in Iowa. He appears to be ramping up his effort in the Hawkeye State. In the latest Iowa poll, he was in third place with 16 percent.



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## COMMENTARY:

## *This country needs Romney's leadership skills*

When you look at the long list of those who are vying for the Republican nomination for president, one man really stands out: Mitt Romney. It's not his hair or his good looks; it is his background and experience in turning things around.

Governor Romney married his high school sweetheart and they have been married for 42 years. He has five sons, all of whom are married, and 16 grandchildren.

Governor Romney received his BA, with honors, from Brigham Young University. He then went on to receive his MBA from Harvard Business School. After several suc-

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cessful years in the business sector, Governor Romney co-founded the investment firm Bain Capital. After 14 years as head of the company, he decided to leave behind his successful business and take charge of the failing 2002 Winter Olympic Games. In his three years in charge of the Olympics, Romney revamped the organization's leadership and policies; he organized over 23,000 volunteers and flipped the \$379 million deficit into a \$100 million

profit. His leadership led to one of the most successful Olympics in our country's history.

After such an adventure, most people would probably decide to take some time off, but not Mitt Romney. After heading the Olympics, he decided to run for political office and was elected governor of Massachusetts in 2002. Massachusetts was not in the most ideal shape when Romney took over as its governor, with a \$3 billion deficit and was thousands of jobs lost every month. By the end of his term, he had cut spending by \$1.6 billion and the state had a \$700 million surplus.

Governor Romney came into the national spotlight in the 2008 presidential election where he distinguished himself as one of the top candidates of the Republican Party. He established himself from the beginning as he developed and reiterated his three main points of: strengthening our economy, our military, and our families.

Mitt Romney is a man of great compassion whose moral values are pointed in the right direction. His no-nonsense business approach to government is a welcomed sight. With Mitt Romney's strong leadership and experience, he is no doubt the candidate this country desires.

# CAUCUS 2012

## POLICIES:

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### ABORTION

Life begins at conception. That means that abortion should not be an option even in instances of rape and incest. That child did nothing wrong and it is inhumane to punish such an innocent human life.

### EDUCATION

The current state of education is not serving its customers: the parents. Parents are told to rely upon public schools to properly educate their children and this is simply wrong. Freedom of school choice is something that should be allowed for everyone of all classes.

### GAY MARRIAGE

Marriage is a union of one man and one woman. This is why it is necessary for the United States to have a federal marriage amendment added to the Constitution. This will stop courts from redefining what has always been traditional marriage in this country.

### HEALTH CARE

We need to repeal President Obama's health care plan. Private sector insurance is a system that works and needs only to be expanded because a one-size-fits-all federal health care program cannot and will not work.

### IMMIGRATION

Immigration is an important part of the life blood of this country, but we have a problem of an insecure border. We need to build more fences and use personnel and technology to assist in maintaining them, as well as establishing English as the official language of the United States.

### MILITARY/FOREIGN POLICY

We cannot back down from those who wish to destroy America. We are not fighting a War on Terror, we are fighting a War on Radical Islam and we have to be honest about that. This is why we need to maintain a strong military in the face of threats like Iran, Syria and others and preserve the greatness that is American exceptionalism.

### TAXES/ECONOMY

Americans ought to keep as much of their hard-earned dollars as possible. The Bush tax cuts in 2001 and 2003 were necessary to keep the burden off of small businesses and create jobs and that is something we need to continue. Additionally, we need to reform the broken entitlement system that are the main drivers of debt today in order to save our country for future generations.

*\*This information came from either the candidate's website or a statement made in a GOP debate.*

## RICK SANTORUM

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**Birthday:** May 10, 1958

**Family:** Santorum and his wife Karen have seven children.

**College:** Received a Bachelor of Political Science degree at Pennsylvania State University and later an MBA from the University of Pittsburgh and law degree from Dickinson School of Law.

**Pre-congressional career:** Lawyer at Kirkpatrick & Lockhart and New York Times bestselling author.

**Political career:** Former Pennsylvania congressman in both House and Senate.



### Trail dates Dec. 14

- Des Moines
- Attending Mike Huckabee's screening of the anti-abortion documentary "Gift of Life."

### Dec. 15

- Sioux City
- Attending the Republican presidential debate hosted by the Iowa Republican Party and Fox News.

### Dec. 27

- New York City
- Attending a forum hosted by Donald Trump.

## COMMENTARY: *Santorum just has not 'set the GOP base on fire'*

Former Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum has been largely overlooked by the media.

He has been portrayed as the "young guy" at the end of the row of debate podiums.

Up until now, he has not gotten much traction in the 2012 presidential campaign process.

Santorum is the only one of the seven Republicans running for president who has visited all 99 Iowa counties.

He should have a good base of contacts for caucus night.

He touts himself as a pure social conservative.

He appears not to have any great, apparent negatives, has not had divorces or affairs but just has not set the GOP base on fire.

In the latest poll, he came in with six percent, near the end of the field of contenders.



**Steffen Schmidt** is a professor of political science at Iowa State University

## COMMENTARY:

### *Santorum shows breadth, depth of knowledge*

When I choose what candidate deserves my support, I predominantly look to two factors: how qualified and how consistent they are. Rick Santorum gets an A+ in both of these categories. Because he has served as one of the top ranking senators and chaired the armed services committee, no one has more breadth and depth of knowledge.

Serving as a U.S. senator, no one fought as passionately as Rick Santorum. Whether it was relentlessly speaking for hours late into the night about his personal convictions on the issue of abortion or drawing sharp criticism because of his statements about potential

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threats to American security, he was never shy or cautious.

Santorum is radically different than what we have now and uncompromising in his beliefs, but he is certainly no radical. He has been well received by many Democrats and Republicans alike during the course of his many campaigns. Focusing on improving the manufacturing sector is not a strictly free market position and, as such, is certainly no hardline

partisan stance.

Maintaining the same definition of marriage that has been beneficially used in Eastern and Western civilization for the past 1,000 years is certainly no radical proposition, though it is treated as such by his often vicious opponents.

Republicans want a winner, and Rick Santorum has developed a style that successfully wins in Democrat territory. Key to this ability is his strong support for manufacturing jobs, a stand which is certainly not lost on blue-collar "Reagan Democrats." This is the reason he was able to beat three incumbent Democrats.

No matter who we pick, there will be no easy fix to the troubles we now face. Rick Santorum is not a messiah; he is a good man who doesn't change his positions to suit his interests, a fact that cost him dearly in the leftist climate of 2006. He never quits, he fights, and he understands what makes America uniquely great.

Santorum has as much understanding of the gears and mechanics of policy-making as any and he is — in this humble student's opinion — a needed change to the phonies that pervade in our national politics today. Look for him to turn some heads this January.



# FINALS WEEK

## TUESDAY

Karaoke & 2fer on ALL  
Bottles, Draws & Wells

## WEDNESDAY

### St. Practice Day

\$3 Car Bombs  
\$2 Irish Drinks & Shots  
\$1 Can Beers

## THURSDAY

### Mug Night

\$3 Draws & \$5 Wells

## FRIDAY

### F.A.C.

50¢ Draws & \$2 Wells  
4pm-8pm  
Come in before 6pm & get a stamp  
for \$1 Draws & \$3 Bombs  
11pm-Close  
Wheel of Deals 8pm-11pm

## Birthday SATURDAY

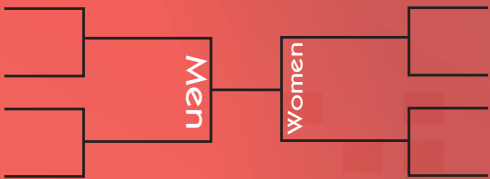
If it's your birthday week you get...

Paddy's will  
be closed  
Dec. 19- 24  
for floor repairs

**Paddy's**  
Irish Pub

## WEDNESDAY

**Battle of the Sexes** Starts @10pm  
**Beer Pong Tournament** Cash Prizes!



\$2 Wells & Draws  
\$5 Pitchers Specials end @ Midnight

## Birthday THURSDAY

If it's your birthday week  
...bring 5 friends &

Get 21 Mugs for \$21  
\$3 Jacks & Captains

## FRIDAY F.A.C.

\$1 Draws 6pm to 8pm  
\$5 Pitchers  
2-fers on Wells/ Draws 8pm-10pm

## SATURDAY

\$1 Captains till 11pm  
\$2 Wells & Draws till 11pm



# COME CELEBRATE

## WEDNESDAY

\$5 domestic pitchers  
\$2 You call it  
during the game

## THURSDAY

\$1 off mug refills till 10  
2 for 1 shots and bombs  
till Midnight

## FRIDAY

\$3 Bombs  
\$2 Wells  
\$1 Draws  
till 11pm

## Birthday SATURDAY

Come in with your birthday  
group and get \$3 domestic  
pitchers from 8-10!  
\$3 Grey Goose Drinks  
till Midnight



## WEDNESDAY

\$1 Whiskey Drinks &  
\$1 Busch Light Draws  
Karaoke  
till Midnight

## THURSDAY

### Mug Night

\$3 Draws & \$5 Wells  
in 32oz Mugs  
10-Close



## FRIDAY & SATURDAY

### FIRE SALE

**\$1 12oz can beer**  
While supplies last!

# OUTLAWS



## Editorial

### Remembering Geoffroy's work, services at ISU

In this, the final editorial of President Geoffroy's final full semester as president, the editorial board wants to thank him for his service, efforts and attention to students.

Since 2001, he has led Iowa State toward many improvements and through several more turbulent times. We still have Veishea thanks to him, despite its suspension after the 2004 riots. The Big 12 conference still exists, and his fundraising campaign to cushion the effects of less state funding in the past decade was enormously successful, bringing in \$867 million.

We have new and renovated buildings, and new seats and technologies in classrooms all across campus make learning more comfortable for students and teaching more comfortable for professors.

He has overseen increases in student enrollment, with larger and larger numbers of students from other states and overseas. The declining enrollment between 2002 and 2007 was reversed, and the number of endowed faculty positions has been doubled.

But what we like, appreciate, and will miss most is this: his devotion to the student body and visibility. If you woke up early enough and were walking between Beardshear Hall and the Memorial Union, you were likely to see President Geoffroy walking to his office. If you attended any sporting event, you were likely to see him somewhere or greeting students in the student section.

We wish President Geoffroy — and you all — a happy holiday and the very best.

## Taxation



**N**o new taxes! That is the battle standard of the tea party and much of the Republican Party these days. And it really isn't hard for the common person to disagree with them. Why should we have to pay new taxes that weren't paid by our fathers before us? Why would we ever want to have less disposable income?

As I tried to get an idea of the theory and the numbers behind the much-debated issue of taxes, I found one quote that you should remember if you remember nothing else from this column: "Taxes are equal to government spending. Every spent dollar is a tax dollar. The only question is when that dollar will be paid and who will pay it." — Professor Robert Ricketts, Texas Tech.

The simple fact is this: Currently we do not pay enough taxes to the federal government (or many local governments) to match the cost of providing federal services. So if we are to simply balance the budget and keep our children and grandchildren from paying for our government today, we need to either cut costs in a lasting way or generate more revenue. While many Americans believe only in government cuts, I believe that the budget can be balanced with targeted cuts and minor tax increases.

If we only cut services to balance our budget, we will end up with a federal government that is a skeleton of its former self and that is far less capable of doing its job.

Perhaps I should address what the job of the federal government is. The federal government is a body of the people, by the people and for the people as noted by Abraham Lincoln. It exists to do what we as individuals or even as states full of individuals cannot do on our own. It provides us with a common national defense, a common currency, regulations for the common

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good and lets us pursue major national projects like national highways or probes to explore other planets.

We will need to cut all of these benefits of government to solve our budget woes if we depend on cuts alone. Our other option is to increase revenue.

Increasing revenue means increasing taxes in one way or another. Nobody likes that, but we have a large population, so taxes would not need to increase substantially. It is also true that taxes are low today in proportion to the past and our top tax bracket has gotten substantially lower over the years. During the '40s, '50s and '60s, the top tax bracket was taxed at rates of 70 to 90 percent, but that top bracket only included people that would be considered millionaires today.

Conservatives bemoan higher taxes on these people as an attack on "job creators," but I know differently. For years, I have maintained the hobby of stock investing, either with my own money or fake money on investing game websites. One of the most annoying things about studying company reports is the ever-increasing levels of executive compensation eating at shareholder profits. If taxes on the super-rich were higher, there would be little incentive to have multi-million dollar salaries and major increases each year — that means more money for shareholders or to reinvest in new jobs.

I know you might say that the super-rich

will spend those millions in income each year, creating new jobs with their money, but that is untrue as well. If you made millions of dollars a year, what would you spend it on? Maybe you could buy a nice car, a few houses or a yacht, but you would get millions more the next year. Eventually you'd end up investing most of the money until you could find something to do with it. Such investing doesn't create new jobs like domestic spending or government projects would, it simply buys you a stake in a company, increasing that company's worth.

The best solution to our budget challenges is a combination of necessary cuts and additional revenue increases to make up the rest of our budget shortfall. We could even do our children a favor and pay off some debt while we're at it. We can all afford to pay a few percentage points more to move toward a debt-free and better America and we could probably trim some fat off of our major budget hogs as well, namely the Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security.

We can continue to nickel and dime all other agencies of the federal government, but if you look at a graphic of the budget, you'll notice that there are some vast agencies that have more money than they did during the Cold War. Did you know that we have more carrier battle groups than the rest of the world combined?

So do we really want no new taxes, or do we simply want a reasoned approach to taxation, where we pay for things we buy rather than taking out more national credit cards? You decide.

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**Global**

# Land grab OR



## Humanitarian development?

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In the last six months, talk of local involvement in what has been called a “land grab” has come to some people’s attention. Agrisol Energy and Iowa State University began work on a sustainable farm development project in Tanzania in February 2010. The Tanzanian government called for proposals to develop land in the country for agricultural purposes.

In June, the Oakland Institute released information concerning land grabs in Africa. Land grabs are when people, countries or companies purchase large amounts of land from developing countries for a cheap price.

This has been something that countries such as Japan and China have done in order to grow food to support their population and something that happened in the United States with settlers sometimes trading a bottle of alcohol to a tribe chief for huge amounts of land. It’s a common occurrence throughout history and it is reasonable to question if Agrisol’s project is similar.

I had the opportunity to sit down with David Acker, associate dean in the College of Agriculture and Life Science and the project lead for the



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university. He began by informing me that because of the conflict of interest between Board of Regents President Pro Tem Bruce Rastetter, a co-founder and team member for Agrisol, and the university being involved in his personal business endeavor, that the role of consulting had been passed along to Ohio State.

I attempted to contact the head of the Ohio State project and received a somewhat rude reply saying he was leaving the country for the month and demanding that I provide him with a note from Acker before he would tell me anything.

Original data projected by the Oakland Institute was that the project would displace 125,000 refugees from 800,000 acres. Acker shared that the Tanzanian government had allowed them to choose from various plots of land.

Some of the options did in-

clude refugee camps. However, the 250,000-acre plot they decided on in the area of Lugufu is a refugee camp that has been closed down for the past three years and the associate dean insists that no refugees will be displaced.

Of this 250,000-acre plot, about half will be under the leased by Agrisol and half will be used by local farmers. Acker claims that because of Agrisol’s presence, local farmers will have access to processing facilities and a more proximate market so that they would be able to sell their excess.

To top it all off, Agrisol has agreed to set aside a portion of the profits to a community trust fund.

It seems relatively harmless. Agrisol was commissioned by the Tanzanian government to start the project, they have agreed to provide local farmers with access to equipment and education, no one will be displaced and the local communities also will receive part of the profits.

I still had some questions though. Will this project be something the country can sustain itself or will it become dependent on a U.S. company for food? I can foresee a scenario where Agrisol decides that the endeavor isn’t profitable and pulls out.

In a past newspaper article, Agrisol claimed that the soil there is capable of producing 20 times its current amount. Is the soil actually capable of that or will it have to be pumped full of nitrogen? What sort of sustainable farming techniques will even be utilized? And finally, Agrisol has said it won’t negatively influence the Tanzanian market by, for example, flooding the market and driving prices down or withholding supplies and driving the prices up. However, since it is a private company, what sort of safeguards are there to ensure that won’t happen?

It would be nice to take everyone for their word. However, history in this situation does not flatter the group buying the land.

I had hoped to ask Agrisol these questions. However, after an email and a phone call with an Agrisol team member who said he would get back to me and never did, I was left with even more questions when, after trying the number for the Agrisol team member I had spoken to earlier in the week, I was connected with a tired sounding man unaware of what Agrisol Energy was.

It is all a nice idea. Introducing stability into aiding developing

countries through the private sector. However, in today’s world sometimes I question the intentions of the private sector. When an attempt to answer these questions is met with shady phone numbers and dead ends, it continues the endless circle of questions.

In this instance of unanswered questions, I encourage you to ask more. It is entirely possible that there are nothing but good intentions with this project, but I have not been shown that by anyone apart from associate Dean Acker, whom I thank very much for his help.

Our world is kept in place by checks and balances. We must take action and inquire into things we see as potentially harmful, and I encourage you to ask the questions necessary to bring things into public view.

As for whether those questions will shed light on underhanded profiteering or on an exceptional blend of business and humanitarianism, we have yet to find out.

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## Letters to the editor

# Read between the lines

## Walker's words did not fully disrespect soldiers

I'm really disgruntled and displeased with the handout that was slid under my door Wednesday night. I think that both lecturer Thomas Walker and the person who initially annotated the paper before the copies were made have made some mistakes. While Walker is almost ignorant of the role the U.S. military plays overseas, he does make a few just points.

Saying that the troops overseas are doing nothing for us sounds like an uninformed shot in the dark. At the point where men are laying down their lives for something, we can't just say they're doing nothing. Men doing nothing do not return massive death counts to the U.S. government each year.

As far as Walker's initial concern, I think the annotator has completely missed the point. Walker's concerns lie with the balance of distribution of goods.

Though he sounds like a radical socialist at some points in this article, his concern is not really to ask if GIs are paid adequately, or to state we're wasting time and money on the troops because they are already pampered.

He's saying in the social environment we live in, there are men less fortunate than our GIs, prominently our former GIs — our veterans.

**Emily Milton** is a freshman in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

He's really asking, "If we have the time and resources to give to those in need, why aren't we giving it to the most desperate of our American people first?"

Again I think that the annotator missed the point of the fetus comparison. Yes, Walker does compare soldiers to fetuses, but in this situation he probably could have compared them to candy. All he's saying is that Republicans rally to save fetuses and rally to send goods to troops.

But once the troops have been released, once they've done their service to America and are plunged back into our society as veterans — that's when they face their true need, but that's also when Republicans (or really society in general) chooses to stop appreciating them. Like a "discarded zygote," they no longer are of a concern to the people because essentially they're "useless."

I think Walker overstepped his boundaries, not as a man in a free country, but as a professor at an institution. Though it's clear from his writing he is more than literate in his area of study, it does not make him a political science expert.

This shows in his ignorance of

how the U.S. troops function and how our political party system works. As a student with a father who works for the military overseas, I was offended by a plethora of his comments, especially near the end where he states that these soldiers "chose to leave home." That does not mean for any reason they are without human feeling and want to leave their families, it simply means they are carrying out what their jobs demand of them. Workmen should be careful when their employment is made up of a body of students with varying unique social statuses and home environments. I'm sure I was not the only "military brat" to be put off by his brash comments.

That said though, I do think Walker was out of bounds a few accounts. I don't really think that the annotations made to the article that was then slid under doors of a freshman dorm was a smart choice either.

I would not question the concept of students only reading the comments on the side and sending in angry letters of agreement to the paper. Or calling their parents to angrily touch on something they've only read other people's pointers on.

Walker makes some good points in his paper as far as equality goes, he just happens to mar his own credentials with the rude and benighted comments he rounds the article off with.

# Soldiers deserve our respect, help in holiday season

Sure, it may seem like the Republicans are babying the soldiers overseas, but it was definitely not always that way. Warfare has changed over the years, drastically in the last century.

Our soldiers did not always have the luxury of personal hygiene, care packages from home or fresh clothes. No, they were out in the field, fighting against determined opponents who were not going to leave their position unless it was necessary.

In some cases, the enemy chose to die fighting. Comparing today to those days, soldiers today are in much better condition. Still, many in this country have refused to support the troops while they fight in a foreign country. To me, that is one of the greatest evils. These men and women of both today and yesterday are fighting and have fought so we can enjoy the freedoms we take for granted.

I respect the author's viewpoint on this subject. I also will respectfully disagree with him. Politicians in general try to help those who are less fortunate in this country. However, while helping them, we must not forget who gave us the freedoms we have.

The soldiers should always be respected and helped, especially when they are trying to readjust to life after returning home. In many ways, the situation is comparable to the Vietnam War. Like today, the Vietnam War was not very popular with Americans.

When soldiers returned home, instead of receiving a simple thank-you for serving their country, they were reviled by the public. That is just downright deplorable. Today, the war is not very popular with Americans, many of whom say we should leave as soon as possible.

**David Phillips** is a freshman in civil engineering.

Now, as we have just passed a date that President Franklin Roosevelt said will forever "live in infamy," why do Americans in general still not support our troops? I may just be a young adult who recently became eligible for the right to vote, but I believe that some citizens of this country need to remember why we have this right.

Too often the people of this nation take for granted the daily rights we as Americans enjoy. Once in a while, we should stop and think how we came to have those rights ... by the work of the men and women of the armed forces. Here's a simple thought: Thank a soldier today for his or her service to our country, whether it is a veteran of a war long past or the one today.

A simple letter, sincerely written, lifts the spirit of a single soldier. Imagine what would happen when our soldiers learned that this country was always supporting them in their endeavors. Our nation would grow closer together, and then our soldiers can come home sooner.

With Christmas arriving later this month, many of these soldiers will not be able to enjoy the holiday with their family. Why would we deny them the simple gift of a care package from home, letting the soldier know his or her family is missing him or her?

Care packages shows that someone back home cares about that soldier. Again, take the time to thank a soldier today. It will not take more than a couple minutes from the day.

I challenge this nation to accept this small task and perform it dutifully.

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## Letters to the editor

# Opinions, right or wrong, have individual merits

### Recent outrage at Walker article unwarranted

Here it is plain and simple, it is the instructor's opinion that is stated in the article. Nowhere is there any document or binding law that says what he thinks is wrong or right.

He poses many questions in the article that make you think. What he said is not bashing the U.S. military but merely showing people another viewpoint. Troops are paid fairly.

Also, they volunteered to serve, no one forced them. If they can't pay their bills like other Americans, it's not

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because they are not paid enough, it's because they have poor spending habits and inadequate knowledge of finance.

There are a lot of people out there who do a lot more with less. There should be no pity party for the soldiers, our tax dollars take very good care for them.

What we don't do as a society is help the veterans. Those are the true people who are at a disadvantage. I've had family members in the service and they had no issues with how much they got paid or with the benefits they received. The

comparison Walker made to baby fetuses is actually a good one. For Pete's sake, it was a metaphor. As educated people, we should all understand that he is not literally calling soldiers fetuses. Come on, we are all in college and should be able to read comprehensibly by now, and if not, good luck graduating.

It all boils down to a bored young Republican group with no bearing of free speech to twist what he said and make him look like an unappreciative punk. And as for putting this under my door, don't ever do it again. Do as all other groups on campus do and go to the library and stand out in the elements and talk to people about your concerns. This is wasting paper and time when

emails could have been sent or the story spread by word of mouth.

Weakness in the strength of your organization was shown when you could talk to people face to face and have an educated discussion with peers that have differing views. How about we all learn something from this. Everyone has an opinion. Plain and simple. I'm sick of the bipartisan left wing, right wing bull crap.

Find some common ground in the non-elitists society. We are all hard-working people; let's just get along. More progress will be made that way than fighting amongst ourselves on comments made in a university newspaper.

# Iowa must look at poverty issue

The Democratic Party stalwarts intend for the Iowa caucuses to be a coronation of Barack Obama.

Given widespread poverty and gross inequality, this is inappropriate.

Students and Ames residents should go to their caucus and talk about the issues. The platform may be irrelevant, but the discussion among friends and neighbors can be meaningful.

No one has gone to jail for Wall Street crimes.

If someone steals food to feed their family, they will end up in jail. That should be mentioned.

Here are some suggestions for discussion topics: First, take your money out of a bank that is too big to fail and put it in a community bank or credit union. Second, discuss Gov.

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Terry Branstad's education reforms. Third, what about the starving the beast, the military-industrial complex-behemoth that is sapping our strength domestically. The best "defense" is a viable society, not one eroded by poverty, while others live like royalty of even a bygone European standard.

And most importantly, take up a collection for a food bank or organize a food drive for your precinct or the next meeting.

Get yourself to a food pantry, and ask yourself why this is happening in this, historically the world's wealthiest society.

# Disparity at home needs to be addressed

I doubt this is what the person distributing these wanted to accomplish, but I must commend Thomas Walker for his succinct yet eloquent critique of the Republican Party.

Yes, absolutely he is right that the many party platforms of the current GOP is bought and paid for by big business, run rampant with corruption and favors the individual over the collective.

"A rising tide lifts all boats," according to the theory of liberalism, and that is precisely what the GOP is missing.

By insisting the best way to balance the budget is to cut from social programs such as education and welfare, they are hurting the private sector they so long to protect.

I do agree with Mr. Walker's points that the military is perfectly well provided for, and the College Republicans could be sending that food where it is needed more — homeless shelters, specialty homes, other social welfare organizations.

**Sarah Huempfer** is a junior in English.

Do I appreciate the sacrifices made by the armed forces? Of course; my cousin is a Marine, a veteran of both Afghanistan and Iraq. However, I don't think that this should be an excuse to ignore the incredible disparity in both income and standard of living in our country.

Education should not suffer because of an internal arms race between the Air Force and the Navy. These high-tech weapons are essentially toys, building up an industry of destruction, rather than encouraging community, compassion, acceptance and tolerance.

It is a sad day when American citizens cannot name a country that begins with the letter "U" or accurately describe how many sides a triangle has.

This isn't the only video

of its kind, either. But you don't need a video for this, merely walk around our lovely campus and listen in on conversations. Or better yet, peruse the Facebook pages of our student body, fraught with errors of spelling, grammar and punctuation. There is a time for war, but that time has passed.

How can we possibly

justify our intervention on a national stage when we cannot care for our own people? It is time to focus on the issues at home: education, civil rights, job creation, etc, and start providing aid to those who truly need it. This recognition of need doesn't equate to ingratitude; it is sensible, logical, charitable, and right — virtues the Republicans seem to lack.

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## Freedom of press

# Unpopular ideas still deserve voice

First Amendment protections on freedom of speech and the press are vital for our political system. Those freedoms, however, while they are the most essential and most prized, are the ones we attack most. As Opinion Editor of this newspaper, I feel compelled to address the outrage and response surrounding a letter to the editor that I made the decision to publish in last Monday's edition of our paper. I hope you read this column through to the end, even if you disagree with me.

In brief, a lecturer in the intensive English and orientation program wrote in to us briefly criticizing the College Republicans, and the Republican Party in general, for collecting materials so they could send care packages to soldiers overseas. Mr. Walker is not paid by us, nor is anyone who writes a letter or guest column. Their opinions do not represent those of the Daily as an institution. The only opinions that do such are editorials. Columnists themselves are paid by us, but their opinions are their own.

Nor did the Daily have anything to do with the fliers that were slipped under hundreds of dormitory doors early Thursday morning.

I believe the letter's online headline, "Republican patriotism excludes those in need," faithfully captured the author's message. The letter, however, used unsavory language that clearly offended many readers. Whatever truths were contained in the letter were probably lost because of his words' offensive nature and aggression in getting to the point and moving on so he could meet our limit of 300 words.

Nonetheless, he had every right to say what he did. The First Amendment's language that "Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press" exists to ensure a vibrant discourse in public on the issues of our time that we need to work out solutions for. It especially exists to protect unpopular opinions from a tyranny of the majority. Popular opinions, by definition, are insulated from danger. They do not require special protection.

Disagreement is part of our inheritance from the founding fathers and the Revolutionary War. The colonial governments fought Great Britain together, but agreed on little else. That disagreement persisted after the war and led to calls for a convention to revise our then-constitution, the Articles of Confederation. That convention, held in 1787 in Philadelphia, was characterized by debate after debate by men who wholeheartedly disagreed with one another. Ratification of that convention's work, our current Constitution, was not easy, either. The pamphlet, newspaper and oral debates of the next year were as polarized, vibrant and vicious as anything we hear today. It is my job to print the opinions available.



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High school students and their adviser recite the First Amendment in front of Beardshear Hall.



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My section exists to provide thoughtful commentary from people who work for the Daily and to provide you an opportunity to weigh in with an opinion of your own. I have tried to do that. Before Thanksgiving this year, we received few letters. Afterward, for whatever reason, more people started submitting more letters. Walker was among them. After his letter was published, my inbox was inundated with more letters criticizing both his argument and him personally and calling for his removal.

The letter sections of the Thursday and Friday papers are dominated by anti-Walker letters. That is because, on the days we designed those papers, those were the letters available. They also fit best on the page. Letters supporting Walker do exist, and I am trying to publish as many incarnations of the several viewpoints as possible. Other letters on other issues also exist, and I am trying to publish those. Our website can only display six letters to the editor at a time, but continue looking to it for additions to the discussion.

Opposition is indispensable in any society that wants to retain its freedoms. Don't kill the messenger because what he says displeases you. In the words of Walter Lippmann, "The essence of freedom of opinion is not in mere toleration as such, but in the debate which toleration provides: It is not in the venting of opinion, but in the confrontation of opinion." And as Socrates said, "The unexamined life is not worth living for a human being."

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**Education**

# Vitality in grades could see renewal

## Proposal could require 3.0 GPA for new teachers

It's the beginning of Finals Week. These exams, which comprise a disproportionate amount of our grade, also carry a large impact on our GPA. Depending on what you want to do in your life, your GPA may matter more or less than a student in another major. If you want to get into law school, med school or grad school, it needs to be on the up and up.

And, if Gov. Terry Branstad has his way, it will be vitally important if you want to teach.

If a proposal being formed by the governor passes, how K-12 education in Iowa is undertaken will change drastically. Though the final proposal isn't public, it seems clear that the governor believes that in order to better educate students, teachers need to be better prepared and educated. Leaving aside the implication that teachers in the state are unsatisfactory, the goal for a better education system in the state is a noble one.

However, the method by which he is choosing to attain this goal will do just the opposite.

The governor is proposing that in order to teach K-12 classes in the state, a prospective teacher must have a 3.0 cumulative GPA from college to qualify. At first thought, it seems to be a reasonable requirement. One cannot pass on knowledge to students that they do not possess.

However, a cumulative GPA cannot define how talented of a teacher one will be. To insinuate that teaching completely boils down to the knowledge that one possesses, or worse yet the grades that one has attained, completely removes the humanity of the



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situation.

Grades cannot be construed as a representative measure of talent or knowledge. Particularly when used in the formation of a cumulative GPA, grades misrepresent students all the time. Many people, myself included, come to college without any clue as to what they really want to do. If you're unlucky, like me, you chose to put yourself in a subject you are emphatically not prepared to succeed in.

Although you can change majors, you cannot drop every class you're in (withdrawal from the university not included). If you do poorly in those classes that you take before you find your true calling, it can have a disproportionate effect on your cumulative GPA.

Not to mention that many grades are simply a reflection of how skilled you are at test taking and paper writing, not of actual knowledge. If you are particularly skilled at taking exams, you can skate through classes without learning as much as someone who is knowledgeable, but is phobic of bubble sheets.

Attendance often factors into your grades, as well. While it can be a reflection of your dedication, attending a class doesn't mean you understand what's going on. I could attend organic chemistry for a semester; that doesn't mean that I'll be able to relay what was presented to me to a student of my own.

Homework is, in most cases, exemplary of nothing more than the ability to look

up factoids and regurgitate them when prompted. Come to think of it, that's what most grades boil down to. Now, there are exceptions, such as essay-based exams where the requirement to demonstrate actual knowledge of a subject is inescapable, but most classes I've had are not like that. That isn't so much of an indictment on the classes I've had, but a representation of the difficulty to ascertain on a large scale actual knowledge, as opposed to the ability to recite facts.

The best teachers I've had didn't just recite facts. They engaged me. They took an interest in who I was as a person, how I best learned and what interested me. They were enablers, in the best sense; they didn't force me to learn, they enabled me to do it on my own. Teachers who were knowledgeable, but didn't relate to me or the class well, caused an environment where learning was less attainable. When you feel like you are being forced to do something, you are less likely to succeed in it, as opposed to when you feel as though you're doing something because you want to.

To exclude persons interested in the human side of teaching because they didn't get good enough grades is to exclude some of the most capable teachers. If all that we are concerned about when it comes to teaching is the knowledge that is being passed along, we can remove teachers entirely, and place students in front of a PowerPoint that contains all of the knowledge we expect them to learn. I guarantee that if that happened, the effects on our state's education system would be dire.

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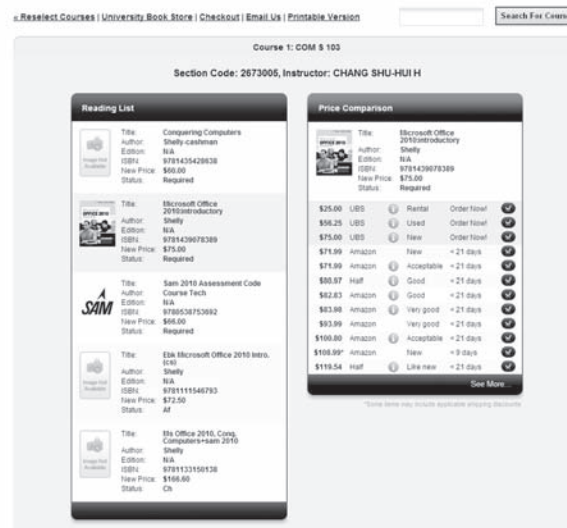
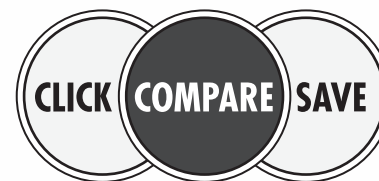
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## Retail



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TJ Maxx will open a location in the Ames area in fall. The new store could be housed in North Grand Mall, but representatives have yet to confirm the final location. The retail store offers current-season, name-brand clothing at discount prices.

# TJ Maxx set for Ames

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Ames will have more options for clothing soon. Discount retailer TJ Maxx has confirmed that it plans to open a store in the fall.

"I really don't know any information at this point other than we plan to open a store in the fall," said Carrie Garfield, media relations supervisor and real estate spokesperson for TJX companies, the parent company of TJ Maxx, Marshalls and HomeGoods.

Garfield said the company considers an area's demographics, current retail climate and, generally, "people who value fashion and getting a good deal," for potential locations for new stores.

TJ Maxx strives to offer current-season, name-brand clothing at discount prices. Since opening its first store in 1977, the company has spread to more than 950 stores nationwide. The store

also offers home goods.

Garfield said specific details would not be officially available until one to two months before the store's opening.

There has been speculation that the store would open at North Grand Mall, along with Kohl's. However, representatives from TJ Maxx and North Grand Mall could not confirm or deny a location. Representatives from Kohl's were not available for comment.

"GK Development is seeking commitments from retailers to meet the retail needs of North Grand Mall and the Ames community. Developing a retail project is a long, complex process. During this process, retailers may choose to provide, or not provide, information about new stores based on their marketing plans and time lines," wrote Marianne Fasano, public relations consultant for GK Development, the parent company of North Grand Mall. Bill Fox, leasing director for North Grand Mall, declined to

comment.

Wherever TJ Maxx plans to locate, the Ames Economic Development Commission hopes it will bring a boost to the local economy.

"There's a certain level of expectation that people have when they come to Ames for the first time," said Dan Culhane, president and CEO of the Ames Economic Development Commission. "I think people are surprised at the types of things that are not here."

He said part of the reason for the lack of major retailers in Ames is that land prices are relatively high, but there is still a lot of interest in the area.

Currently, he said that Ames has a lot of "leakage" with residents choosing to spend their money in other parts of central Iowa, such as Jordan Creek Town Center in West Des Moines. The addition of new retailers could help the situation.

"This is great news for Ames," Culhane said.

## Restaurant

# Chipotle to join fast food scene on South Duff

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The corner of Fifth Street and South Duff Avenue is going to be gaining some Mexican flair in the near future. Chipotle, the fast-food Mexican restaurant chain, is going to become the newest member to the Ames business district.

According to their website, Chipotle restaurants are focused on demonstrating that "food served fast doesn't have to be fast-food." By using high quality ingredients, Chipotle tries to separate themselves from their similar fast food

competitors such as Qdoba and Panchero's.

Ames City Planner Charlie Kuester said that although the restaurant has been approved, the actual building has yet to ensue.

"The city of Ames approved the site plan about two months ago," Kuester said, "At this point, whenever the developer wants to move forward, the building can begin, but he has not applied for the building permit yet."

When a restaurant decides to open its doors in Ames, it must contact the city and re-

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## Holiday Market

# Cafe, service station, motel one-stop forms histoic destination

By Sarah.Binder  
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For those missing sunny summer farmers markets, Niland's Cafe and the Colo Motel offer a place to search for the perfect holiday gift — along with a healthy dose of history.

Located about half an hour east of campus on Lincoln Way, the historic cafe is at the intersection of the first transcontinental highway to stretch from east to west and the first to span the nation from north to south.

"This is the crossroads of the Lincoln and Jefferson highways," said Sandra Huemann-Kelly, owner of Niland's Cafe and the six-unit Colo Motel. "It's a very historic spot."

The Holiday Market is in the gas station, which has been restored with historical displays. Six vendors offer food and craft items such as handmade scarves, artisan breads and stained glass.

The cafe offers traditional road foods such as tenderloins, hamburgers, milkshakes and slices of homemade pies. It also has

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## Books

# UBS takes steps to stay with online sales trend

By Jenna Russell  
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While the sale of e-books has risen astronomically, the sale of electronic textbooks at the University Book Store has increased slightly over the past year, said program coordinator Carl Arbuckle.

"With iPads and tablets becoming extremely popular among students, the sale of e-books has increased 2 to 3 percent at the [University] Book Store in the past year," Arbuckle said.

Still, the store is taking steps to stay current with trends in the book-buying industry. Arbuckle said any book that is available in store can also be purchased electronically, and most books also are sold as e-books.

Their website also has a Comparison Shopping tool, where students can select a department, then their course, and once they find the books they need, they can compare prices with Amazon.com and halfpricebooks.com. Students can then purchase books from any of these three websites.

"Of all of the students that used these comparisons, 83 percent of them bought from the ISU Book Store," Arbuckle said.

The new big-box bookseller in Ames, Books-A-Million, also offers some textbook options for students. According to the store's website, "You can order most textbooks and non-academic books online, but there is a limited amount of textbooks that are sold in-store."

Campus Book Store declined to comment on its book sales for the past year.

Even with the increase of e-books across the nation, there are indications that the printed versions of books are not "dead," and this seems to be the case with textbooks.

"[The] print book is not dead considering sales from 2009-2010 were about the same when the amount of sales from e-books was subtracted," according to the Association of American Publishers.

The Association recorded 164.4 percent gains in the sale of e-books from 2009-2010.

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quest permission via a permit. After a permit is requested to build and is approved by the city, it is back in the hands of the corporation again. This back-and-forth negotiation can be time-consuming, but Kuester said he has every expectation that the building will go forward.

The future home of Chipotle was once occupied by two buildings, the old Sprint cell phone store and a local bar. Both businesses have since

closed or moved and the land is ready to be occupied once again.

Ames is focused on creating a business district that is welcoming to new and interested firms. The city itself does not go out and recruit businesses to open, but Kuester believes that a good environment will do the work for them.

"The city doesn't go and recruit individual firms and restaurants," Kuester said. "But we create a location and atmosphere conducive for businesses to open up."

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historic displays, including part of a 1939 Cadillac and vintage neon lights that are lit each night.

The gas station, cafe and motel form one of the last remaining traditional one-stops — with gas, food and lodging in one place. The charm and the location make it a destination for history lovers.

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ensure there were no repeats of the 2004 disturbance, while also making the celebration's history and traditions relevant in modern society.

"It's a continued evolution," Hill said.

Most recently, Iowa State was thrust into the spotlight along with the rest of the schools in the Big 12 Conference with the threat of its destruction in both summer 2010 and fall 2011.

"The Big 12 Conference almost fell apart twice, and he was the steady voice. We're not the most powerful institution in the conference, but he was a steady voice," Hoffman said, adding that Geoffroy was on the phone with other leaders constantly offering options and solutions to keep the conference together.

"Being president of a university is a lot like running a marathon," Hoffman said, adding that a president has to take care of him- or herself because no one else will do it. She said Geoffroy has done that while managing the time requirements of every aspect of his job.

The overarching challenge throughout Geoffroy's tenure, though, is one beyond the reach of his team-focused, decision-making approach.

Geoffroy said the budget cuts the university faced in his early years were not as severe as the ones it has suffered more recently. Despite the curtailment of state funding, Hira added, Geoffroy has maintained a positive attitude and a focus on excellence that he has passed on to others.

"Ultimately, the strength

of the university is really dependent on the strength of the faculty," Geoffroy said. "It's like any organization; it's the people of the organization that make it great. It's the leaders that are involved, and the faculty and staff and students all together."

**A student-focused legacy**

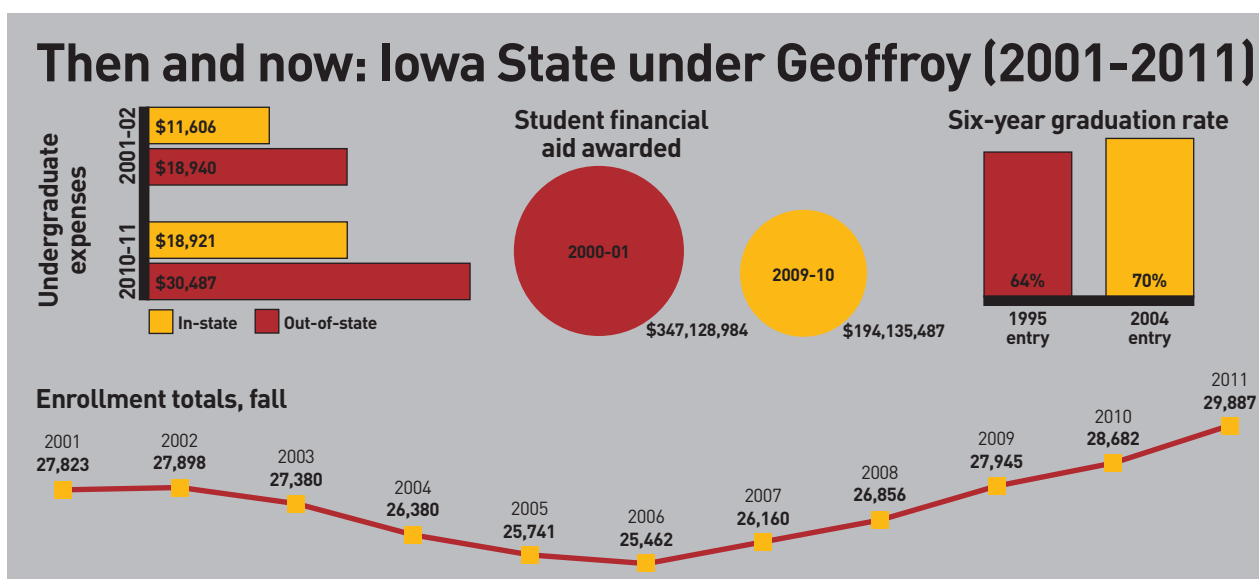
Ask the people who work with him every day which aspect of Geoffroy's job he is most passionate about, and they will say that students are his number one priority.

"President Geoffroy came in with a student focus, and during his tenure that focus just intensified and got sharper. It just got better," Hill said.

"Students at Iowa State feel an ownership of their president," Hill said, "which is not necessarily the case at other universities. Geoffroy has established that culture by making himself accessible, from teaching a President's Leadership Class to a select group of freshmen each year, to walking through the student section of football games, shaking students' hands and saying hello."

Nate Dobbels, senior in agriculture and life sciences education, first met Geoffroy as a student in the President's Leadership Class. He has since interacted with him in a number of aspects, including as the former vice president of the Government of the Student Body.

"Having the opportunity to have that leadership experience right away was tremendous, and I think it definitely got me going on the right foot



Graphic: Jake Lovett/Iowa State Daily

as far as the steps toward accomplishing a lot of things within the university," Dobbels said, adding that he thinks Geoffroy helped motivate a lot of students to come out of their shells at such a large school.

Dobbels said he thinks Geoffroy's legacy will leave a foundation that truly cares about giving students a valuable experience both in and outside of the classroom.

"He knows how to bring the best out of everyone," Dobbels said. "He knows how to help students discover that they can accomplish more than they think they can."

"Geoffroy's dedication to students is exemplified by his decision not to take any time off between his administrative duties and his return to teaching," Hoffman said.

"He is so student-centered," she continued. "He's teaching a course this spring; I think he can't stand to be away

from students very long, which is fabulous."

The primary purpose of the university, Geoffroy said, is to provide a great educational environment for the students.

"Students are more involved in the life of this university than I think you'll find at any other university anywhere," Geoffroy said, adding that this level of involvement leads to a unique sense of ownership in the university among ISU alumni.

Alumni support is one of the factors that have led to success in other venues during Geoffroy's tenure. Hoffman described his achievements leading the "Campaign Iowa State: With Pride and Purpose" fundraising campaign as "phenomenal." The campaign was the most successful fundraising effort in the university's history, with more than \$867 million received in gifts and commitments when it con-

cluded last June.

Under Geoffroy's leadership, more than 20 major building projects were completed on the ISU campus. His goal of doubling the number of endowed faculty positions at the university, from 75 to 150, was achieved in 2010. In fiscal year 2010, the university received \$388.2 million in grants, contracts, gifts and cooperative agreements — a 27 percent increase from the previous year's record.

Staying true to his commitment to students, Geoffroy and his leadership team were quick to point to the university's surge in enrollment as one of his most significant successes.

"The momentum on our enrollments is just tremendous," Geoffroy said. "We're just a very attractive institution for students who want a top-quality education."

In Geoffroy's first year as president, 27,823 students were enrolled at Iowa State. Ten years later, in fall 2011, the university had 29,887 students. The increase was "not by accident," Hira said, adding that Geoffroy was personally involved in recruitment efforts.

**A bright future**

When Steven Leath steps into the role of president in January, Iowa State will not have seen the last of Geoffroy. He plans to teach several seminar classes this spring, and next year, freshmen walking into their chemistry courses might see him at the front of

the classroom.

It has been 25 years since he's taught a class at that level, and Geoffroy knows he has a lot of catching up to do: PowerPoint, clickers and Blackboard technologies are all tools that did not exist the last time he taught introductory chemistry courses.

"It is important for me to get out of the way — to basically sort of be invisible. Because it's important for Dr. Leath to have complete freedom from the past leadership to establish his leadership and his platform," Geoffroy said, adding that he will be there anytime Leath has questions or wants to talk but will otherwise focus on being a "normal Ames resident and normal professor."

Geoffroy and his leadership team agreed that the university is in good hands with Leath, who has been vice president for research and sponsored programs for the University of North Carolina system since 2007.

And despite years of state funding for education being slashed, Geoffroy thinks there are reasons to be optimistic looking forward.

The state's overall budget situation has improved significantly, Geoffroy said, adding that he thinks the leaders of the Board of Regents communicate well with the governor's office and the legislature.

The decision to step down from the presidency was largely a personal one for Geoffroy, who said he and his wife, Kathy, want the opportunity

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to spend more time with their family. The couple has four children who live throughout the country and have had four grandchildren arrive in the past two years.

"Everybody gets to a stage in life where you ask, 'What do I want to do for the rest of my life? What's my next big adventure?' And I decided, now's the time. Ten years as president, we've done good work. It's probably good for the institution; certainly it's the right thing for me, so I made that decision," Geoffroy said.

"Ten years is a long time for someone to be president and emerge unscathed by scandal," Hira said, adding that she thinks all the different segments of the university are "at peace" with Geoffroy.

Those who have worked with Geoffroy know exactly which building should bear the president's name to cement his legacy, Hoffman said.

"In our minds, the Biorenewables Research Laboratory should be named for him," Hoffman said. "It was completely state-funded, so there's no donor name, and it really is his lasting legacy. So we're all reserving that for him for whenever the Board will let us make that



Photo: Kelsey Kremer/Iowa State Daily

President Gregory Geoffroy stands on Central Campus outside of Beardshear Hall on Dec. 6. Geoffroy is stepping down from the presidency, but will still teach on campus.

recommendation."

Hoffman said she has already spoken with Leath about naming the laboratory for Geoffroy — but his name will have more resonance than just one building.

"I predict that 50 years from now, people will still be talking about Greg Geoffroy as one of the great presidents," Hoffman said. "He'll be in the same category as Hilton and Parks and Welch."



Photo: Huiling Wu/Iowa State Daily

Mary Burroughs, senior in civil engineering, has been running cake decorating business out of her apartment since January 2011 and filed for a limited liability company in November.

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a job soon after.

Burroughs also has had her share of cake catastrophes. Her most memorable one came while making a 20-sided dice cake for a fan of "Dungeons and Dragons."

"I spent about one-and-a-half to two hours carving it," she said. "When I went to apply the buttercream frosting layer for the fondant, the buttercream was too stiff and pulled up crumbs. All that work was gone and it went from 20 sides to a sphere; I was devastated."

When someone orders a cake from her, she initially asks what they want and looks to make sure she can fit it in her schedule. She recently added three new flavors to her repertoire: strawberry, lemon and chocolate mud cake, which she said is very popular in Australia.

Despite the busy schedule and infrequent baking mishaps, Burroughs plans to keep Cake Engineering as a side business for now. Burroughs will graduate in December 2012 and she plans to keep decorating cakes at night and on the weekends. She plans to keep things going no matter what may come her way.

"It is something fun and relaxing from work. I am definitely planning on continuing," Burroughs said.

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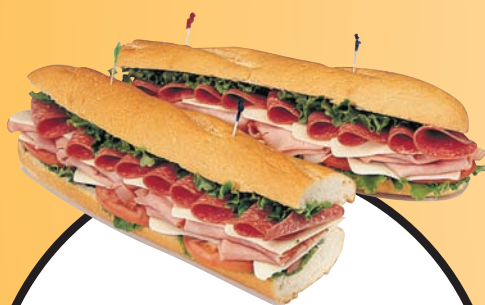
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## Rap

# Rabalais releases first album for 'Little Ruckus'

By Vincent Geerts  
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Dominic Rabalais is perhaps best known for his work in Utopia Park, alongside his brother Phil. But on Dec. 17, Dom's solo project "Little Ruckus" will release its first album, entitled "We Love Evil," in a "crazy" show at The Beauty

Shop in Fairfield, Iowa. To encourage fans from Ames to come to the show, a 50 percent discount on show tickets is being offered online, and anyone who attends can download the album for free.

"There's going to be choreographed back-up dancers, full costume and set changes ... possibly a pillow fight and bubbles," Rabalais said.

"It's safe to say all the stops will be pulled out and thrown into an incinerator."

The Guinness record-breaking Lane Weaver will be doing a quick set to start the evening.

A performance from Derek Lambert and the Prairie Fires will follow Weaver, before Rabalais gets on stage to perform songs from

his new album.

Nate Logsdon, frontman of Mumford's, will help as one of the back-up dancers during the show.

"It's going to be truly phenomenal," Logsdon said. "There will be choreographed dance

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## Nightlife

# DG's rings in New Year with Mumford's

By Vincent Geerts  
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To ring in the New Year in true Iowa style, DG's Tap House will host a New Year's Eve concert featuring four local bands. Mumford's, Utopia Park, Cleo's Apartment and Longshadowmen will all perform, with DJ Poe Toaster filling in between and after for a "nonstop dance party" until the night's through.

"We will reach our physical limits as people in our throwdown, 100 percent money-back guarantee," promised Mumford's frontman Nate Logsdon. "All these bands are just crucial to Iowa music, and if you want to party, dance, get wild or cut loose, DG's Tap House will be the

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## New Year's Eve

**When:**  
8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31.

**What:**  
A show featuring Mumford's, Utopia Park, Cleo's Apartment, Longshadowmen and DJ Poe Toaster

**Where:**  
DG's Taphouse



Mumford's, a theatrical local band fronted by Nate Logsdon, performs during the Maximum Ames Music Festival on Sept. 25. To bring in the New Year, Logsdon organized a show at DG's Taphouse where the Mumford's and other central Iowa acts will perform.

File photo: Nicole Weigand/Iowa State Daily



## Music

# Students, faculty sound off on semester's experience

By Olivia Gard  
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Snow has fallen, final tests have begun, and the music department is wrapping up the fall semester to prepare for the spring waiting around the corner. As holiday break approaches, many of the music students and faculty are reflecting on what the semester has brought for the bands and choirs.

"In Music Hall, everyone's there to become better musicians," said Justin Whisler, senior in music and member of percussion ensemble. At the same time, the ensembles tend to have students with varying majors. For example, only half of the Iowa State Singers choir, which is au-

ditioned and co-ed, are music majors.

Even as students pursue different majors, they come together in Music Hall for the common goal of music-making. Josh Kassmeyer, drum major in the Cyclone Marching Band and member of symphonic band, calls the building his "home away from home."

The bands, consisting of mainly wind ensemble, symphonic, concert, orchestra, jazz and marching, have continued to teach students the aspects of instrumental music and performance as they apply to each unique band.

Next semester will include plenty of new music and experiences for the music department.

"The best is yet to come," said Michael Golemo, Director of Bands.

## JAZZ ENSEMBLE

"I think the jazz ensemble was probably the best in the three years I've been here," said Lee Plummer, member of orchestra, wind ensemble, jazz band, jazz combos and percussion ensemble. "We played extremely hard music, and we played it really well."

Jazz band has especially enthusiastic members this year and has played challenging pieces designed for more professional and developed jazz bands, said James Bovinette, director of jazz band 1. This included "Channel One Suite" by Buddy Rich.

Bovinette said his jazz band students have showed they can play advanced music well this semester.

Bovinette will be taking them to Elmhurst Jazz Festival in Chicago in February, which will include talented university jazz bands from around the US, and will most likely



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Jazz band 1 will be recording their music this year, which will go on their fourth CD. Those interested in buying a CD can contact the music department.

have clinic teachings and performances for the students. The last time Bovinette took students to the festival was in 1998.

Jazz band 1 is also recording their music this year, which will go on their fourth CD.

"I think it's important that the students have something that demonstrates and is representational of their effort," Bovinette said.

Those interested in purchasing a CD can contact the music department.

## ORCHESTRA

The orchestra had many leading seniors graduate, which made the beginning of the semester "more of an unknown," said Jacob Harrison, director of the orchestra.

However, he says the younger players have met the challenge and worked hard in practice.

Harrison said a goal of his is for players to have musical "peak experiences" they will always remember in their lives.

"I think the Halloween concert was one of those for us," Harrison said. "I had people who said to me, you know, 'that was some of the most fun I've ever had at a concert.'"

Other music from the orchestra this semester included Brahms' 4th Symphony, which Harrison said is a level comparable to "a theater confronting a Shakespeare play."

Harrison also said the students in the orchestra have grown in small steps each and

every day.

One of the benefits of this growth in the orchestra is to prepare these students to move on in the future.

Many students have "gotten to a point where they are interested and ready to lead young people and young musicians," he said.

Next semester, the orchestra will perform music for "Peter and the Wolf" with the help of a narrator from Iowa Public Radio.



File photo: Tim Reuter/Iowa State Daily

The Cyclone marching band has been preparing to head to New York for the Pinstripe Bowl. The band will perform snippets from Beethoven's 5th symphony at the bowl game.

## MARCHING BAND

Steven Smyth is the new marching band director, and there have been a few adjustments this year. He wanted to maintain traditions of the band from years past, such as its structure of leadership, annual activities, and the floating "ISU" on the field, but Smyth said he also wanted to modern-

ize the band with newer music students can relate to.

Since the band is relating to the student section, it has helped to connect the band, crowd and the team, said Josh Kassmeyer, junior in music.

The marching band is currently preparing for their show at the Pinstripe Bowl in New

York. The show will begin with classic pre-game moves including the "floating ISU," a snippet of classical music with Beethoven's 5th Symphony and then finish up with more pre-game moves.

"[The show] will be a great representation of Iowa State," Smyth said.

## CHOIR

The choir ensembles include Iowa State Singers, Statesmen, Cantamus and Lyrica.

All three choirs have had progress and "beautiful singing," according to James Rodde, director of Iowa State Singers and director of choral activities.

The choirs include varying styles of music and literature throughout the semester and in their performances. This can include foreign languages, which is often taught by students learning the music on neutral syllables first and then later including the text.

"We do interesting music, and it's always enjoyable. It's from a variety of musical areas, and we really get exposed to a lot of musical styles, which is great," said Megan Maller, junior in music and member of Iowa State Singers.

Iowa State Singers also tours during the year and visits high schools in order to share music and recruit future members. Because half of the members are not music majors, it allows for "a variety of types of people," Maller said.

The choir students are taught technical elements of music, including "good ear training,



File photo: Iowa State Daily

The State Singers will begin next semester with the annual Madrigal Dinner, featuring community groups such as Musica Antiqua.

expressiveness, and beauty of tone," Rodde said. "Then there's also a sense of commitment to the ensemble and to each other, and to the music."

The State Singers will begin next semester with the annual Madrigal Dinner, which will include music from the State Singers as well as community musical groups Musica Antiqua and the Music Men.



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moves timed to the music ... and the dancers will be doing some of the sing-a-long verses as well."

Rabalais said Little Ruckus began as a rap experiment, but instead turned to “really over-the-top pop songs” almost completely by accident.

He said the album is a series of sing-a-longs constructed from hooks he liked but had never used.

Though “We Love Evil” is not yet available, a music video for the track “SomeDay” has already been released online.

With help from friends, Rabalais filmed the video in the basement of "Castle Greyskull," the former Catholic school in which he lives.

Lane Weaver also lives in the school and has been working hard to promote the new album.

"We're doing a music video for every song on the album, including two or three this month," he said. "In between, we'll release footage of the work going into it, general de-

## Little Ruckus album release

**When:**  
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**Where:**  
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bauchery and little promo videos we'll make."

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A VIP version of the ticket is also available for \$10; this price includes a free T-shirt.

Rabalais said it was about more than the music and the show, though.

"Little Ruckus embodies the aesthetic and feeling level of what's going on culturally in Fairfield and Iowa," he said. "People are coming together and feeling united ... as a part of something bigger artistically and musically."



Photo courtesy of David Smith/Ethos Magazine

Dominic Rabalis performs as Little Ruckus at the Maintenance Shop on Sept. 22 for the Maximum Ames Music Festival. He will be releasing his first solo album for Little Ruckus on Dec. 17 at The Beauty Shop in Fairfield, Iowa

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place to do it."

Mumford's plans to debut some new live tracks, as well as a special rendition of "Auld Lang Syne." Both Mumford's and Utopia Park will have surprise guest performers as well.

Phil Rabalais of Utopia Park is excited to spend his time in Ames.

"I'm crazy excited about Mumford's and what they unveil, but also I want to spend New Year's Eve with the Ames community," Rabalais

said. "It's so warm and everyone's down to have a good time."

Isaac Norman of Longshadowmen is also eager to see his fellow musicians in concert.

"I'm just insanely excited to see what Nate can come up with. ... He is creative and profoundly deep in what he writes," Norman said. "I'm going to do my best to make the show as great as possible."

Doors open at 8 p.m. for this 21 and over show. Logsdon recommends early arrival for the busy night.

Cleo's Apartment has existed in some form or another since 1998, when it began as a keyboard duo and DJ. Over the years, the band has seen a lot of lineup changes and subsequently, changes in its style and sound. Today, the band combines funk, jazz, soul, electronic, hip-hop and rock to appeal to a wide audience. The two female MCs are backed by a tight rhythm section and skillful brass players.

The band is Rachel Gulick (trumpet, trombone, vocals), Mike Huss (keys, vocals), Curtis Weis (bass), Crystal Fields (vocals), Mike Woods (drums) and Mikiel Williams (saxophone). Its performance this New Year's Eve will be its third ever show in Ames, sure to stand out with its seniority and skill among other local artists.



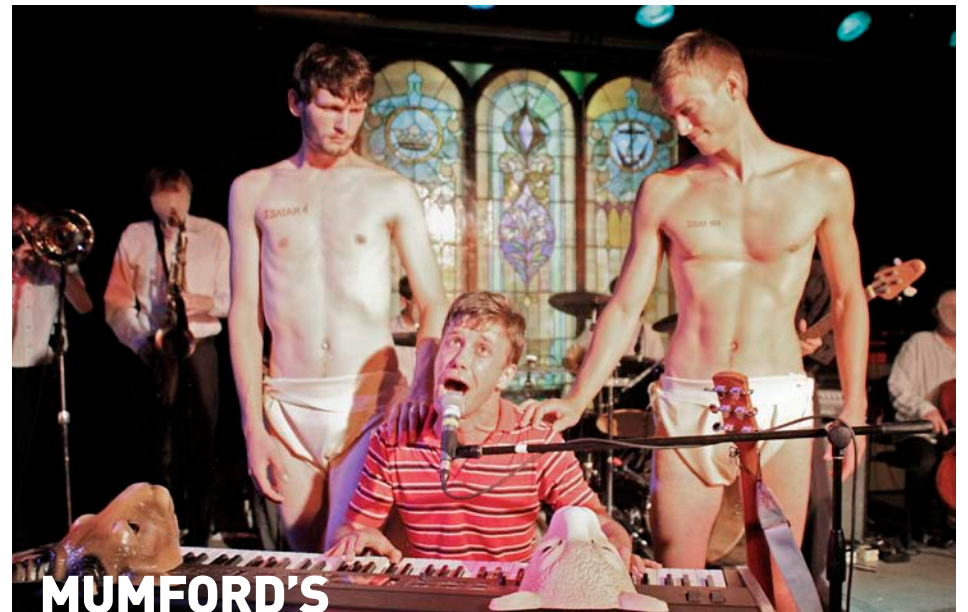
Isaac Norman began Longshadowmen in 2003, self-releasing his work both alone and with fellow musicians in various albums with an ever-changing lineup until only a couple years ago. He has spent years looking for a style unique to himself, and the "psycho gypsy blues" sound he has found with the current lineup has him ready to perform.

The band consists of Norman (guitar, vocals), Matthew Dake (drums), Aaron Alcott (bass) and Claire Kruesel (vocals). The band's new massive sound will be on display this New Year's Eve, a great example of what fans will be able to take home and listen to when Longshadowmen releases its debut.



When brothers Dominic and Philip Rabalais first formed a band, they called it "Porno Galactica." Eventually the two decide the name of the trailer park they grew up in would be better, and Utopia Park has been bringing over-the-top dance pop beats to the world ever since.

The Fairfield duo has toured with Mumford's on more than a single occasion, selected for their high-energy showmanship which matches Mumford's performances well. They play loud, drawing in the crowd with catchy choruses which drown out all sound as everyone sings along.



File photo: Nicole Weigand/Iowa State Daily  
Mumford's performs at the Maximum Ames Music Festival on Sept. 25. To bring in the New Year, Logsdon organized a show at DG's Taphouse where central Iowa acts will perform.

Mumford's began as a solo project in the summer of 2008 but has expanded into a freaky folk storytelling dance band with horns.

The band consists of Nate Logsdon (vocals, guitar, piano, horn), James Doxon (percussion, vocals), Kate Kennedy (sax,

clarinet, accordion, vocals), Kai Tanaka (lead guitar), Tushar Dayal / Chris Lyng (bass), Donny Peterson (tenor sax), Paul Hertz (bass trombone), Brian Stout (tuba, trombone, cornet), Erich Sneller (alto sax) and Dave Atchison (aux percussion).

The band's songs emphasize

storytelling and character development, while using a variety of vocal styles and instrumentation to illustrate the changes in scene.

Mumford's is also known for its lively performances, which get the whole crowd dancing and yelling out the words.

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Theater

# Performers learn the art of directing productions



Bri Baltes, senior in integrated studio arts, Taylor Clemens, junior in performing arts, and Andre Johnson Jr., sophomore in performing arts, rehearse a 10-minute play called "Cinnamon Rainbow" in the basement of Pearson Hall.

By Alex Smith  
Ames247 writer

At Iowa State, there are many opportunities for hands-on experiences, and one option to practice theater is to direct other students.

In Brad Dell's Theater 455 class Directing I, he said the students often collaborate and "talk about all of the different skills, techniques and requirements of being a director. And the students direct one another in various class scenes to begin to get hands-on experience."

Some of the students think the process for the show is an enjoyable one.

"Since none of us had much experience directing, we knew it was a safe environment, which made the process a lot of fun and great learning experience," said Kathleen Hoil, junior in performing arts.

The performances are also new experiences of learning for some of the students.

"I always thought of myself as an actor," said Victoria Stafford, senior in performing arts, "but now I see

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how thrilling and exciting being a director can be."

"It was very interesting to see what it's like on the other side of the process," Hoil added.

Working together with students is not always easy, but Stafford said there are times when "fellow students have moments of brilliance in directing a scene, and it is a very cool thing to be a part of."

Dell said he hopes his students will get an experience of "fully mounting and producing a play" on their own.

"From casting, through rehearsal, to 'teching' a show, they will get invaluable real-life experiences," Dell said.

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## Holiday activities

# Bored over break? Top 10 things to do with free time

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*Don't know what to do over break? Here's a quick list to help.*

**1. Ice Skating:** Lace up those skates and hit the rink. Maybe add in a little Canadian flavor and play some hockey.

**2. Holiday Lights:** There are always houses vibrantly lit up around the holidays. So hop in a car or just simply take a walk with your friends or your sweetheart and observe these majestic displays.

**3. Spend time with the family:** Spending time with the people you love is the essence of the holiday spirit.

**4. Take a trip:** A change of scenery is always good.

**5. Build a Snowman:** Stay Frosty. Don't forget the carrot nose and coal eyes!

**6. Snowball fight:** This is self-explanatory.

**7. Movie night:** From horror to comedy, use this time to see a movie you were not able to go see over the semester. You might find a new one you enjoy or rediscover an old favorite.

**8. Sledding:** Reconnect with your younger self and speed down a snow-covered hill. Build a jump if you really want a thrill.

**9. Hang with some old friends:** Remember Johnny from high school? Yeah, he has been wondering where you've been. Give him a call and hang out with him.

**10. Relax with some hot chocolate:** Ah, the traditional drink of winter. Add some chili powder to spice things up and really bring out the flavor of the chocolate.

## Reviews

# Murphy delights in 'Tower Heist'

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Finally, a movie starring Eddie Murphy where he is laugh-out-loud funny when not playing a donkey.

That's right, "Tower Heist" is not another of those comedies with only a few good laughs from a couple of stars. It is a good time with a range of star power letting loose with a knee-slapping good time.

Murphy has this strange situation akin to Adam Sandler: They were both amazingly funny back when they were on "Saturday Night Live" and for their first few movies, then they became lost in Hollywood

junk, making one "good" movie for every three "bad."

Murphy aside, the rest of the cast is full of laughs. Ben Stiller, Matthew Broderick, Casey Affleck, Tea Leoni, Gabourey Sidibe and Alan Alda make for many excellent awkward situations, snide comments and general jokes throughout the film. Stiller and Broderick maintain their brands of funny without missing a beat, while Leoni and Affleck continue to be underused by Hollywood talents.

Sidibe steps into the comedy well, delivering an accent that is good for a few giggles. And Alda, oh Alda, well, he is always awesome and makes for a nice

antagonist.

The plot is ludicrous, and looking too much beyond the surface of the plan to steal money in an "Ocean's Eleven"-esque manner reveals enough problems or holes to destroy any realism to the story. But thankfully, everything runs in the funny direction far enough to make what could be glaring oversights into mere suspensions of disbelief moments.

The added kick of the poorer folks stealing from the wealthy — enter the 99 percent versus 1 percent battle on Wall Street — makes "Tower Heist" into not just some funny jokes but some appealing comedy

experience at the expense of the over-privileged.

Maybe it is just the emergence of Murphy in a role that makes me laugh like I used to when watching "Beverly Hills Cop," or maybe it is because I love ensemble casts, but "Tower Heist" is a movie I can recommend watching for a good time.

I hesitate to advise anything beyond a matinee-price ticket as despite the laughs, it still isn't a great movie.

So, watch it in a theater if you have an afternoon off, but make certain to see it even if you do decide to wait until it appears in a Redbox cue for a reasonable price.

# The Black Keys makes another winner

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It is hard to think about The Black Keys topping their past album, "Brothers," which recently won three Grammy Awards. But the Akron, Ohio natives did it.

"El Camino" is yet another great album for the duo to add to their alternative/blues collection of great hits. Dan Auerbach and Patrick Carney have several singles on well known commercials, film and TV shows which are recognized for their distinct rough/live/real sound. I am sure it is just a matter of time before we start hearing more of their new, catchy music in advertisements.

"El Camino" is named after the

band's '94 Chevy El Camino, even though the album cover displays an old van. Their writing techniques are very similar to those of their past albums.

The most common way to record music is by recording each instrument separately, however, "El Camino" and past Black Keys albums are recorded live, meaning Pat and Dan are in the same room collaborating together. This sets them apart from many other artists today, and gives them their distinct sound.

Their infamous buzzing guitar sound from previous albums and major hits such as, "Tighten Up" and "Howlin' for You" are still strongly represented in this album. "Gold On the Ceiling" is already blowing up on iTunes. Of course

as expected, there are many foot stomping, hand clapping beats as well, such as "Dead and Gone" and "Sister".

The Black Keys did not disappoint with this album and have supplied fans with a collection of great hits. It is strongly suggested to pick up this album and give every song a listen. Believe me, it's worth every second of your time.

Grade: A

Recommended Tracks: "Nova Baby" and "Stop Stop"



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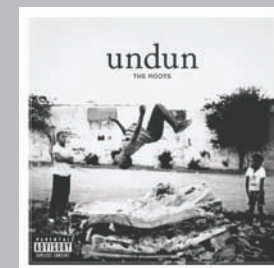
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## Football

# A Cyclone's fight: battling cancer

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It has been a nine-year journey filled with many highs and many lows, but they have battled each step of the way hoping it will one day be a smoother ride.

"I call it the roller coaster ride," said ISU Athletic Director Jamie Pollard. "The ups are really exciting ... and the downs are really depressing."

When Jamie's son, James, was born, the birth certificate read that he was 10 pounds at birth, but in reality he was just 3.5 pounds. James was born with a 6.5-pound germ cell tumor attached to his backside.

At 14 months, James had a recurrence and battled it. For the next five years, he was cancer-free. While his monitoring period was over, doctors made the decision to continue looking after him for one more year.

In the fall of 2008, several months after his monitoring should have ceased, doctors noticed James' cancer cell markers were up. By the end of 2009, James had another operation for cancer of the same type of tumor, but one with a different biology than the first recurrence.

For the past three years, the



James Pollard walks on the field with the football team before the Oct. 9, 2010, game against Utah as an honorary captain. A birth defect has caused the son of Jamie Pollard, director of intercollegiate athletics, a long battle with cancer.

Photo courtesy of the Pollard family

Pollard family has fought the disease and after another operation in the spring of 2011, they thought it might be over. In October though, it was determined that for the fourth time,

James had cancer.

"They can't explain why it continues to come back after he's had all of this chemotherapy," said his mother, Ellen Pollard. "For some reason, his

tumor isn't going away, so it's really out of the books. It's outside the lines."

At a young age, it was difficult for James to understand his situation, difficult to comprehend the challeng-

es. As he grows, the battle he faces becomes more real.

"I think it impacts him more now than it did when he was younger," Jamie said. "His first question when we told him this time was, 'What if the treatments don't work? What happens to me?'"

## A touching gesture

As his hair began to fall out, Ellen insisted upon shaving James' head. He wasn't happy, but complied and went bald.

When it was time to go to school the following Monday, James insisted upon wearing his Cyclones hat to cover his newly shaven head. When he arrived, he was surprised by what he saw.

"He went to school and he wanted to wear his hat at school," Jamie said. "When he got there and saw the other kids had shaved their heads, he didn't wear his hat. He said, 'I felt like they shaved their heads, so why should I have a hat on?'"

Jamie and Ellen were touched by the gesture of a handful of James' classmates and said it meant more to

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## Cross-country

# Teams expected to focus and 'step up'

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The score sheet read "DNF."

During the 2010 cross-country season, Dani Stack collapsed 200 meters from the finish line and was labeled as "Did Not Finish" on the NCAA National Championship official timesheet.

"It wasn't all bright lights and fun," said coach Corey Ihmels. "There were some times where there was a little bit of despair."

Ihmels said Stack's focus and commitment led her to battle back and place 30th at nationals, receiving All-American honors this season.



Ihmels



Nelson



Casey

"I'm proud of her perseverance and what she's accomplished and who she is," Ihmels said.

This year, juniors Betsy Saina and Meaghan Nelson crossed the finish line in ninth and 17th, receiving All-American honors as well, and leading the ISU women's cross-country

team to a seventh-place finish at the NCAA Championships in Terre Haute, Ind.

"I'm pretty happy with it because I actually got to participate," Nelson said.

Nelson was unable to compete during the 2010 season due to stress fractures.

With Nelson healthy again, the women earned Big 12 and Regional titles, and were just nine points from a fifth-place finish at nationals.

The women's team is losing Stack and India Lee, but Ihmels said next year Nelson and Saina will continue to be leaders for the team.

He expects other runners, both returning and new, to step up as well.

"I discovered that I have a little more poten-

tial than what I thought did," said sophomore Morgan Casey. "After a track season and an entire summer to run and develop individually, I'll be able to contribute and hopefully try to step up and finish where Dani did at nationals."

Casey finished 104th at the national race.

Ihmels said there has always been an athlete to step up and that their commitment usually inspires other runners to be a leader as well.

"Without Lisa Koll, we don't have Dani Stack. Without Dani Stack, we don't have Meaghan Nelson. Without Meaghan Nelson, we're not going to have the next person," Ihmels

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him than the boys could ever know. Two of those children were Charlie and Sam Hoiberg, the 8-year old twin sons of ISU men's basketball coach Fred Hoiberg.

"They said they wanted to do it to make James feel better about his situation," Hoiberg said. "Obviously any kid that goes through it — when they have the hair loss — if you can have other kids that do it with them, that will help."

**Attitude and faith**

Germ cell tumors are rare, accounting for just 3 percent of all pediatric cancers.

Even more rare is a recurrence of the cancer.

It has been a difficult battle for the Pollard family, but they have continued with each bout.

"Faith has been a big part of it because at some point you have to realize you aren't in charge and you can't control everything," Jamie said. "We have a saying in our family, 'What God wants, we want.'"

What the Pollard family wants is for James to be cancer-free. For now, as James continues his fight, his parents said the focus is on staying



Photo courtesy of the Pollard family

The Pollard family enjoys Thanksgiving at the Blank Children's Hospital. From left to right: Thomas, age 14; Maggie, 11; Jamie; James; and Annie, 13.

positive. At least one person who has spent time with James has taken note of his demeanor.

"You'd never know what he's going through just because the type of kid he is and the way he's taken this thing head-on," Hoiberg said. "He's got as positive of an attitude as anyone I've ever seen — he's just a neat kid."

And while James might have

been born unhealthy, Jamie said his strength in one key area has made all the difference.

"I used a line several treatments ago that said, 'James was born with unfortunately not very good health genes, but he was also born with very good conviction and attitude genes,'" Jamie said. "His attitude is probably the reason he's still with us."

**A lesson learned**

When James asked his parents what would happen if the treatments didn't work, they knew he was understanding; they knew he was "connecting the dots" after many years of being in and out of the hospital.

What the family has learned and come to understand, at the same time, is that there are many children just like James who fight vigorous battles.

"The kids that go through this are tough as nails — they have to be," Ellen said. "It's really sad and there are too many of them."

Throughout his nine years, both James and the Pollard family have received well wishes from many within the Cyclone family. They have also received support from those outside Ames.

Many schools in the Big 12 Conference have sent James memorabilia, including hats and jerseys. Jamie said those gestures have meant a lot to him personally and have played a part in changing his outlook.

"I've said all along that James is a vehicle that was given to us from God to help us be better people," Jamie said. "I'm more sensitive to stories and situations that I hear about that are happening to other people because of my own experiences with James."

When Jamie was in the athletic department at Wisconsin, he met a man named Steve Malchow. Now at Iowa State, the two continue to work together with Malchow as a senior associate athletic director.

At the same time Ellen was pregnant with James, Malchow's wife, Barb, was pregnant with their one and only son, Bryce. In the past nine years Malchow said he has seen a lot out of James and has used him to teach.

"We point a lot to our son to look at James — who has been dealt a real challenge in life — and yet he attacks every day with a smile," Malchow said. "He's tough, he's happy and he lives life to the fullest. It's a great lesson to adults or kids."

The Pollard family has learned a lot from James too. Both Jamie and Ellen said James has taught them to put things in perspective and to take one day at a time.

The Pollard's don't dwell on why it is their family or why it is James who has had to fight this battle. Instead, they just hope and pray that after nine years and four long fights, James might be cancer-free.

"We tell James all the time that God chose him," Jamie said. "The reason he chose him is because he knew he was tough enough to be able to get through it."

**Men's basketball**

# Players grow, work on team communication

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After an up-and-down first 10 games, the ISU men's basketball team heads in to winter break off an 86-76 win against in-state rival Iowa but still with questions to be answered.

The Cyclones (7-3) have battled defensive communication issues, "front running," as coach Fred Hoiberg calls it, and shooting slumps.

"The big thing for all our players is to go out there and play consistently hard basketball," Hoiberg said.

Hoiberg has experimented with a few lineup shifts as well, starting the season out with Scott Christopherson at point guard and to Chris Allen at that position against Prairie View A&M and Iowa.

Getting Christopherson comfortable again was a goal for Hoiberg who saw that

Christopherson struggled with his role at the point.

"He wants to go out with a bang his senior year," Hoiberg said. "I think he's probably putting a little too much pressure on himself. ... Scotty looks much more comfortable out there now [that Allen is at the point]."

Christopherson has said repeatedly that the difference between guard and point guard was not that great, but admitted he feels more comfortable now that he is back to his regular position.

Now that he is back there, Christopherson said he has to make the transition completely — something he made a big step towards with 16 points against Iowa.

"That's the biggest thing, getting back in the flow of things," Christopherson said. "It's kind of the way I've played my whole life."

In the team's last two games,

the Cyclones came out of half-time and surrendered runs to teams and allowed them to bring the score closer in a hurry.

Hoiberg said it goes back to communication, and players said it is in those situations that they need to work together the most.

"Teams are going to go on runs," said forward Royce White. "It's just about being able to put a stop to that run and then being able to go on a run yourself."

With the communication, White said he and his teammates have used the three losses — Drake, Northern Iowa and Michigan — as learning points for the rest of the season.

"I think every time we've gone out and taken a loss this year, and we've gone back into practice and looked at what we did wrong, we came out the next game [and] we grew," White said. "We definitely grew in that

**Break schedule**

- Central Michigan, Dec. 18, Ames, 1 p.m. — on CTN
- Lipscomb, Dec. 21, Ames, 7 p.m. — on Mediacom
- Mississippi Valley State, Dec. 31, Ames, Noon — on CTN
- Texas, Jan. 4, Ames, 8 p.m. — on ESPNU
- Texas A&M, Jan. 7, College Station, Texas, 3 p.m. — on Big 12 Network

area [of communication] too."

Now, the Cyclone student-athletes have final exams to deal with, then a nine-day layoff before they get back to work.

"[Being on break] is an opportunity to get some extra practice time," Hoiberg said. "We need to get them in here and work on a lot of things."



Photo: Jordan Maurice/Iowa State Daily

Forward Royce White goes up for a dunk in the opening minutes of Friday's game at Hilton Coliseum.



## Editorial

# Recapping semester's athletic successes

What a long, interesting semester it has been for ISU athletics.

We would be lying if we said this fall semester has been like any other when it came to Cyclone sports, because it really hasn't.

As sports reporters, we don't necessarily care whether or not the ISU sports team that we cover does well, but it's always for that team to find success that our audience will want to read about.

So for that, we feel fortunate.

An array of different events came to mind when the members of the board discussed this editorial of the semester's most significant — the football team's triple-overtime victory against Iowa and the women's basketball team's comeback victory against Drake, just to name a few — but we had to make our selections brief.

With that being said, we

have narrowed it down to the three that have proved the most successful for ISU sports this semester.

### 1. ISU football's 37-31 double-overtime victory against second-ranked Oklahoma State on primetime television.

In a game that is still being talked about as one of the catalytic reasons for the chaos in the Bowl Championship Series this year, Iowa State upended Oklahoma State's hopes of competing for a national title with a 37-31 double-overtime victory against the then-No. 2 Cowboys on Nov. 18.

The game was broadcast nationally on ESPN with the eyes of millions upon Jack Trice Stadium witnessing, without a doubt, the greatest game in ISU (or at least Cyclone football) history.

It was the first time Iowa



File photo: John Andrus/Iowa State Daily

The OSU offense prepares to go up against the ISU defense during the game Friday, Nov. 18. Iowa State won in double overtime with a final score of 37-31, making them eligible for a bowl game.

State had ever beaten a team ranked in the top six nationally and caused pandemonium among BCS experts and pollsters, leaving a spot in the National Championship Game up for grabs opposite top-ranked LSU.

Not only that, Oklahoma State had come into the game with nearly perfect accolades — having won its first 10 games by an average of 25.4 points and averaged 51.4 points per game.

Oklahoma State was denied a bid to the title game with the loss being its only blemish on its resume, settling for a bid in the Fiesta Bowl

instead.

"Senior night, Friday night, ESPN, only show in town, never beat a top-five team in Iowa State's history," said running back Jeff Woody after the game. "All those factors combined together just combines them [into] the perfect storm of finding a way to win and prove that we are a good team once again."

Most significant for ISU fans, the win cemented the Cyclones' second bowl trip in the past three seasons under coach Paul Rhoads, who took over a program that had gone 5-19 the two seasons prior to his arrival.

### 2. Women's cross-country team's postseason Success

It certainly does not get the press time that other sports do, but the women's cross-country team's seventh-place finish at nationals — coupled with conference and regional titles — is definitely one of the most significant things to happen in ISU athletics this season.

Coach Corey Ihmels has done nothing but build the track and field and cross-country programs into perennial contenders for the national title since taking over in 2007.

The Cyclones had three All-Americans emerge as a result of their seventh-place finish at nationals — Betsy Saina (ninth), Meaghan Nelson (17th) and Dani Stack (30th).

"Our top three ran so well," Ihmels said of the race. "Not to place a little higher was a little disappointing."

A first for the team was also its first-ever Big 12 title.

In earning the title, Nelson placed second overall in a race that she described as "uncomfortable."

"At conference, every point matters," Nelson said. "I was going to do my best to make sure no one passed me. Every time they tried to, I knew I had to buckle down and fight back. ... I knew if I let go, I would

let go for the rest of the race," Nelson said.

### 3. Volleyball team's first-ever No. 4 seed at NCAA Tournament

Last season's first-round exit from the NCAA Tournament for the ISU volleyball team was a big letdown for a team that had made it to at least the Sweet 16 the past three seasons.

Flash forward to this season, where the Cyclones garnered the No. 4 overall seed in the NCAA Tournament for the first time in program history.

After sweeps of UW-Milwaukee and Miami in the first two rounds, the Cyclones found themselves in the Elite Eight for the first time since 2008.

The team's placement came after a 3-1 victory against Minnesota at the Sports Pavilion in Minneapolis on Dec. 9.

At the time of the Daily's publication, the team was set to square off against No. 12 seed Florida State for what could be its first-ever Final Four appearance.

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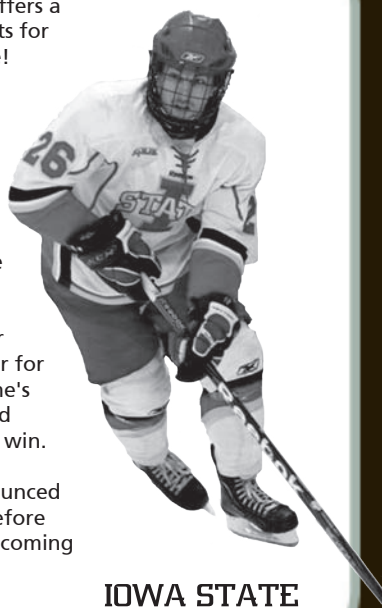
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**Wrestling**

# Beard shows great potential on the mat

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Boaz Beard's departure from and return to the ISU wrestling team largely went unnoticed until he stepped onto the mat at the beginning of this season.

The 184-pounder from Wichita, Kan., has compiled a 5-1 record this season after returning to the program from a year hiatus — something that has impressed ISU coach Kevin Jackson.

"When you really consider what he's done in a short time, you've really got to marvel at what he's accomplished," Jackson said. "He came back at the beginning of September. He was off for a year and he's wrestling Division I wrestling against the best competition in the country and he's only lost one match."

In his short time here since his return, Beard has established himself as a competitor on the mat and has even found his way to a No. 14 ranking on InterMat's weekly top 20 poll.

"He hates to lose, that's the best way to describe him," said team captain Andrew Sorenson. "If you watch him wrestle, he never stops wrestling."

Beard was originally recruited out of high school by former ISU coach Cael Sanderson, who left for Penn State shortly after Beard committed.

"He wanted me to go to Penn State," Beard said. "But I decided coach Jackson was the man I wanted to wrestle under."

As is common in collegiate wrestling, Beard red-shirted his freshman year to develop his skills and assimilate to the atmosphere of Division I wrestling.

However, Beard left the team after his red-shirt season, citing "personal reasons" for the driving force behind his decision to leave.

Beard transferred to Emporia State — a Division II school in Emporia, Kan. — to play baseball for his first year of collegiate eligibility. As a pitcher, he made three appearances and one start on the mound, going 0-1 with a 7.20 ERA.

Jackson stayed in contact with Beard during that time, talking to him and his father through multiple phone conversations and said it was the relationship he had built with Beard and his family that helped contribute to his return to Ames.

Beard, however, said that he had thought a lot about his absence from Iowa State when he was playing baseball.

"I just didn't love [baseball] anymore,"

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Beard

**Crime**

# Gary pleads not guilty, new trial date is set

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ISU wide receiver Albert Gary has pleaded not guilty to charges of first-degree robbery stemming from an incident in June, according to Iowa Court online records.

Gary, a redshirt sophomore, was officially charged with first-degree robbery on Nov. 15, one day after ISU coach Paul Rhoads announced Gary had served a three-game suspension at the beginning of the 2011 season.

Rhoads said he will consider further punishment if Gary is found guilty.

According to the online records, Gary's attorney Matthew Boles filed a written not guilty plea Wednesday. Gary's jury trial date has now been set for Feb. 14.

Boles did not immediately return calls Friday afternoon.



Gary

Assistant Story County attorney Timothy Meals, lead prosecutor in the case, declined comment on the case.

In the latter part of the season, Gary emerged as one of the Cyclones' best receiving targets, leading the team in receiving in three consecutive games against Kansas, Oklahoma State and Oklahoma. The Ocala, Fla., native finished the regular season fifth on the team in catches with 21 for 267 receiving yards and two touchdowns.

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## Women's basketball

## Break allows team time to focus better

By David Merrill  
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With Iowa State not having a game until Dec. 20 against Northern Iowa, the team is going to focus on getting healthy in preparing for Big 12 play. Iowa State opens the Big 12 season Jan. 4 on the road against Oklahoma.

Over Winter Break, Iowa State (5-2) will play Northern Iowa, New Hampshire, Baylor, Oklahoma and either New Jersey Institute of Technology or Buffalo in the Cyclone Challenge.

Junior center Anna Prins has been battling a knee injury and junior forward Chelsea Poppens suffered a knee injury against Iowa. Poppens is expected to play, but the Cyclones aren't as healthy as they'd like to be.

"As one of the leaders, I told my team that we wouldn't have won the Iowa game if we didn't play as a complete team," said senior shooting guard Lauren Mansfield. "That is going to be the focus for awhile now."

Junior forward Jessica Schroll

has been a key player this season. She and sophomore forward Hallie Christofferson have handled many post and wing duties.

Schroll said she feels that the time off will allow the players on the team some time to focus on bettering themselves.

"We won't have as much time to work on our team game once Big 12 play starts," Schroll said. "It will be more about scouting reports and how to prepare for the next game. Right now and over break, we'll have more time to make our team and our skill sets better."

Here's a look at what the Cyclones will be facing:

Northern Iowa, Dec. 20 — The Panthers are 6-2, dropping games to Wisconsin-Green Bay and Iowa. Four



Mansfield



Schroll



Iowa State guard Jessica Schroll rebounds the ball during the basketball game against Houston Baptist on Nov. 11. Schroll scored nine points and had five rebounds.

File photo: Yue Wu/Iowa State Daily

of the starters average double-digit points per game.

Katelin Oney leads the attack and 13 points per game. Amber Kirschbaum is another player to keep an eye on, averaging 10 points and

nine rebounds per contest.

"That will be a big game for us," said coach Bill Fennelly. "It's the last game before break and we have a chance to get the in-state sweep."

New Hampshire, Dec. 29 — The

Wildcats are 3-4 and are led by senior forward Denise Beliveau, who is averaging close to 12 points per game. She is New Hampshire's leading rebounder at eight rebounds per contest.

At Oklahoma, Jan. 4 — The Sooners started 5-0, but have lost their past three games and are currently ranked No. 24 in the nation.

The OU attack is lead by Aaryn Ellenburg and Morgan Hook. They are averaging 21 and 13 points per game. Joanna McFarland and Whitney Hand are the leading board crashers for the Sooners. They average 10 and seven rebounds per game.

Baylor, Jan. 7 — Baylor is the No. 1 team in the nation and features the most dynamic player in the country in center Brittney Griner. The Bears are 7-0 and haven't scored less than 76 total points in a game so far this season.

Griner is averaging 23 points and 10 rebounds per game. Sophomore guard Odyssey Sims is averaging 18 points and 10 assists per game. Destiny Williams and Brooklyn Pope average 10 points per contest.

## Hockey

## 'Underdogs' strive for perfection

By Clint Cole  
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The ISU hockey team began the 2011-12 season ranked No. 12 in the preseason rankings and are currently ranked No. 7. When the American Collegiate Hockey Association released the fourth rankings of the season on Nov. 18, the Cyclones were ranked No. 5.

Some coaches would be embracing such a high ranking, but ISU coach Al Murdoch would rather not.

"I've been pretty low key on that," Murdoch said.

On Nov. 18 and 19, the Cyclones played two games at Ohio. The Cyclones were ranked No. 5 for those games and Ohio was ranked No. 6 after being beaten by unranked Indiana the previous week.

"I'm not sure I want to be above Ohio going into Ohio," Murdoch said. "I would rather be the underdog going into Ohio."

The Cyclones were swept that weekend, losing 4-1 and 3-2 in a shootout.

So far this season, the Cyclones are 8-4-1-3 against top 25 opponents with seven of those victories being in Ames.



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Defender Mike Dopko fights for the puck from Lindenwood forward Neeco Belanger during the game Dec. 2, at the Ames/ISU Ice Arena. The Cyclones fell to the Lions 4-3 in a sudden-death shootout.

However, the Cyclones have lost four straight games to ranked opponents.

In games where the Cyclones are ranked lower than their opponents, they are 2-2-1-1. These games include a split with Oklahoma in Ames on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, a split with Arizona State in Tempe, Ariz., on Nov. 4 and 5 and the sweep by Lindenwood.

The Cyclones' captain Brian Rooney said he agrees with Murdoch and would

rather be the underdog "at times."

"You always want to come from where nobody can see you," Rooney said. "I want teams, when they look down at those rankings, I want them to look right over our heads so we can sneak up on them and steal some games, kind of like what we did against Arizona State."

Rooney compared this to being 5-foot-7 and going to hit a guy and wanting him to look over his head and not see him coming.

"You have to have a chip on your shoulder all the time," Rooney said. "You have to have a lot of confidence, but at the same time you have to know that the job's never done."

"No matter how well we do or how well we perform as a team, we can't be satisfied with anything we do out there. We always have to strive for perfection."

The Cyclones aren't scheduled to play another ranked team until Jan. 20 when they travel to Champaign, Ill., to play No. 9 Illinois. This is unless Indiana, which is receiving votes, finds a way to climb into the rankings before they host the Cyclones on Jan. 6 and 7.

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## Men's golf

# Team hopes to have consistent semester

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Sometimes the hardest part about sports can be a lack of consistency, which can be lost during long breaks between events.

For the ISU men's golf team, it hopes to continue the consistency that it gained from the fall semester into the spring semester, despite a three-month break.

"For some players, being away from the game will help," said coach Andrew Tank. "None of our players have tournaments scheduled, but that doesn't mean they won't be working for next semester."

The team is coming off a terrific end to the first semester, Tank said, ranked 42nd by Golfstat and 51st by Golfweek.

"Finishing the fall semester with two top 50 rankings is big," Tank said. "If we have another strong semester, then I think this team will really climb."

In the fall semester, the Cyclones finished in the top four in each of its last four tournaments, capping off with a win at the Bridgestone Golf Collegiate in Greensboro, N.C.

At that tournament, Nate McCoy and Sam Daley showed what they could do.

McCoy, a senior, finished in a tie for 12th, but was the top performer for team, Tank said.

Daley, a freshman, finished the semester with a third-place finish at the Bridgestone Collegiate Classic.

"A couple of us got into a strong rhythm toward the end of the fall," Daley said. "We

need to stay in that as we prepare for the spring."

McCoy also said that the team needs to continue the consistency that the team found in the last four tournaments of the fall semester.

"If we can be as consistent as we were toward the end of fall, then our spring tournaments should match up with fall in terms of success," said McCoy.

While none of the team will have tournaments during the break, Tank said the team will continue its workouts.

"We want to continue to improve and we'll work on that over break by being in the gym working on flexibility and strength," Tank said.

"That'll keep us in position to stay consistent in the spring."

## Women's golf

# Coach returns, team prepares for spring

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Before the fall season started for the ISU women's golf team, there was a big change that affected the team as well as the season itself.

It wasn't a key injury or an announcement that one of the offseason recruits was leaving. Instead, coach Christie Martens informed the team that she would take the semester off for maternity leave, leaving assistant coach Pina Gentile in charge for the majority of the fall schedule.

"It was something we were preparing for before the season started and dealt with as the season went on," Gentile said. "Martens was still able to help out at times and I think that the team handled the situation well."

Martens missed the first four tournaments while on maternity leave, but returned for its final tournament of the fall season, the Landfall Tradition.

The Cyclones finished fifth at the tournament, which hosted 15 of the top 50 women's golf teams in the country.

"It was challenging to try and coach the team without actually being there to coach them," Martens said. "To have the team play well at the Landfall in front of a few Iowa State boosters was a nice event to come back to."

At Landfall, it was sophomore Sasikarn On-Iam who led the Cyclones with a three-round score of 226.

"We had an up-and-down semester and had a strong finish at the end," Martens said. "Kristin Paulson and Prima Thammaraks both had strong top finishes in tournaments this fall; they were two of our top performers."

Paulson, a senior, had her best tournament of the season at the Lady Northern Tournament, where she finished fourth overall. Thammaraks, a sophomore, had her best tournament at the Windy City Collegiate Classic, where she finished in a tie for seventh.

"We have faced some tough competition this fall, which will prepare us for some of the competition that we'll face in the spring," Paulson said. "With both coaches back, we should be able to improve, and I think the whole team is looking forward for the spring."



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The women's cross-country teams won in the Iowa Intercollegiate cross-country meet on Sept. 17 in Ames. The team hopes to keep that success for next season.

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said. "And there will be a next person."

The men's team was unable to qualify for nationals and finished the season placing sixth at regionals, but has hopes for next year.

"I wouldn't be surprised if they were able to get back to nationals and be a top 20 team," Ihmels said.

Much like the women's team, Ihmels expects men on the team to step up and try to be their best.

The men's team is young and only losing one runner in senior Rico Loy.

Both teams are currently training for the indoor track and field season.

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Beard said. "I had to take a step back and realize what I had."

In coming back to Iowa State, Beard said he did not have to sit out for a year since transferred from a Division II school.

However, his season on the ESU baseball team cost him his first year of athletic eligibility, leaving him with three for his collegiate career.

Jackson said he expects to continue seeing positive things out of Beard's performance on the mat as the season progresses, even if he has not had the same amount of time to train in the wrestling room as his teammates.

"Since he's been back, based off two-and-a-half months of training, he's competed at a very high level, therefore showing the real talent and skill and mental toughness that he really has as a wrestler," Jackson said. "His potential has always been great and continues to be great."

## Men's Golf

# Golfer follows father's lead to find own success

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No matter the differences in personalities or expectations of a father and son who find success in the same sport, the most important thing is what you get out of it.

"I wanted to be just like my dad and do what he did," said senior golfer Nate McCoy. "I practiced what he did and I would be there with him."

It all started with Nate's dad, Mike McCoy, who grew up playing the game and became a five-time Iowa Amateur champion.

This carried over to Mike's son, who got involved in the game and as he put it, Nate "had a club in his hand before he could even stand up."

"He caddied for me," Mike said. "So I took him to tournaments. He hung around golfers, me, [and went] to the driving range [to] play. He was really around the game for longer than he can remember."

Having that experience has carried over into his later career life. While playing for the ISU men's golf team, coach Andrew Tank has seen how being with his dad has "been really critical to his success."

"Nate has learned so much from Mike by being around [his dad] as a young kid and caddying for him in all [his] tournaments," Tank said. "It's given Nate the opportunity to see the game played by the best players."

While Nate embraced the moments he had with his dad, he found another form of the game that he started to enjoy.

"As I got older, I felt what it was like to be outside on my own," Nate said. "I kept getting better and better. It was more fun to play and I like to be out there by myself."

It wasn't always perfect, though. Pressure and exhaustion can set in when so much of one activity is done over time.

"There was a time in high school where I played a string of tournaments," Nate said. "When I got done, I got burned out and I actually tried to wrestle. Then I got back into golf about two weeks later."

During his freshman year, Nate also took off a month after the season, which was the longest amount of time he's ever spent away from the game. It was the constant travel along with playing in bad weather.

"They both love the game but treat it a little bit differently," Tank said. "Mike could play a tournament every day of the year if he could schedule, while Nate likes to have time in between tournaments."

While Mike started playing the game at an early age, there wasn't nearly the expectations



McCoy



File photo: John Andrus/Iowa State Daily  
Nate McCoy, senior in communication studies, is the lone senior on a young Iowa State men's golf team. He hopes to turn pro after graduating from Iowa State.

put on him because he said he didn't have "any direct family influences."

"I started playing when I was about 8 or 9 years old," Mike said. "I had some cousins and uncles that played. There was some family linkage, but my parents didn't play."

Having a dad that's noticed nationally gives you a lot to live up to. Tank said he believed that this "adds some pressure and expectations for Nate."

Nate's leadership has also greatly shown on the course so far this season. Being the lone senior on the team, his goals are simply "trying to be positive" so the other players continue to be motivated.

"You try to set a good example [by] being positive and [giving] your all in practice," Nate said. "You don't want to give up because other guys might see that."

Nate has his focus on turning pro when he is done at Iowa State. He wants to get his name out there and be known for his own accomplishments.

Mike's hope will be for him to find the great positives it has on his life to look back on that he did.

"The competitive golf has been great," Mike said. "I've had a lot of success. I'm a competitive person and maybe that's the reason that gets you out to practice. But the real benefits come from the friendships, travels, experiences, and places you can be."

"There's so much more to it, and looking back at it that's the most satisfying and important."

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## Bare Minerals Exfoliating Treatment Cleanser



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By Cicely Gordon  
ISD Style Writer

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## HOLIDAY



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# TOP GIFTS UNDER \$25

By Ainsley Chapman  
ISD Style Writer

For everyone on a tight budget, here are some gift ideas to wrap up your holiday shopping before heading home. Whether you are shopping for family members, friends or significant others, there is a gift to suit every liking. All products listed can be found in Ames.

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## tip of the week

Spider lashes: we have all been there. One of the biggest questions of the universe: How to get full, thick eyelashes without clumping? Part of it is the mascara, but sometimes it is unavoidable. Try this tip when applying mascara.

To get mascara on evenly and prevent clumping, get a business card and put it on top of your eyelid so when you open your eyes, you apply mascara on your eyelashes against the business card. This allows the mascara to be applied more evenly, because the brush touches the surface of the business card.

If you are still having trouble with clumping eyelashes after mascara is applied, use an eyelash comb or toothpick to individually separate clumped eyelashes.

## events

For anyone who attended the ISU Fashion Show last year, you know the name: Matthew Christopher. Christopher is an ISU alumnus and talented couture wedding gown designer. Christopher is making his way back to Ames this January for a trunk show. The show, hosted by the Fashion Show 2012, will be on Jan. 17 through 18 in the Cardinal Room of the Memorial Union.

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DIY

## New Year's Eve Glitter Heels

By Cicely Gordon  
ISD Style Writer

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- Mod Podge
- Fine glitter
- A craft stick
- A paint brush
- A bowl

**Step 1:**

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**Step 2:**

In a bowl use your craft stick to mix the glitter and Mod Podge. The more glitter you add the better.

**Step 3:**

Use your paintbrush to apply the glitter mixture to your shoes. Let them dry. Apply more glitter as needed.

GIFT WRAP

## Think outside the box

By Ainsley Chapman  
ISD Style Writer

It is what is inside that counts, right? So this year, skip the extravagant holiday gift wrap in exchange for something easy and simple, yet equally beautiful. Here is a few simple gift wrapping ideas that go a little outside the box.

**Fabric:**

It may sound a little odd, but fabric can actually make great gift wrap. With a little digging through clearance racks, you can find some good prices on fabric. Wrap like normal paper and use a hot glue gun to seal the package. Go for a holiday print or something basic. What is great about this gift wrap is that it speaks for itself, no fancy ribbon needed here.

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## Cookies with a cause

**By Michelle Boettcher**

AmesEats Flavors writer

The holiday season is approaching us and while it is the time of chilly weather, delicious food and fun holiday parties, it is also the season of giving. This season you can give more than just gifts to your family and friends.

There are many great causes with which you can get involved.

"Cookies for Kids Cancer" is a nonprofit organization that allows you to host bake sales to join the mission to fight pediatric cancer.

"Cookies for Kids Cancer" was founded by two parent inspired by their son Liam's battle with cancer.

They found out that the main reason more than 25 percent of children diagnosed with cancer don't survive is due to a lack of therapies and a lack of funding.

They wanted to help raise funding by starting a huge bake sale.

More than 250 volunteers were involved and 96,000 cookies were sold in just three weeks. More than \$400,000 was raised for pediatric cancer.

After the bake sale was over, people continued to ask for cookies, and they also asked the simple question, "How can we help?"

Now it is possible to host your own bake sale, or to buy cookies from the organization all year.

You can contact "Cookies For Kids Cancer" at [www.cookiesforkidscancer.org](http://www.cookiesforkidscancer.org) to get involved.

Locally, you can bake cookies and donate them to local shelters in the Ames area.

One place you can donate cookies over the holiday season is ACCESS, the assault care center extending shelter and support.

ACCESS aims to confront the issues of sexual assault and domestic violence, and offers shelter



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to women and children in need.

Email ACCESS at [access@assaultcarecenter.org](mailto:access@assaultcarecenter.org) or call 515-292-0500.

Another place you can donate cookies is to the Emergency Residence Project, a local homeless shelter that aims to provide shelter, food, interventions and help to those who need it.

Email the Emergency Residence Project at [erp@midiaowa.net](mailto:erp@midiaowa.net) or call 515-232-8075.

This holiday season, take the time to bake some cookies for someone else. It may make their holiday a little bit brighter.



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## Chocolate peanut butter crispy bars

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|-----|--------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1   | cup semi-sweet chocolate chips | 1 | 10.5-ounce bag miniature marshmallows |
| 1/2 | cup peanut butter              | 6 | cups crispy rice cereal               |
| 2   | tablespoons butter, split      |   |                                       |

1. Microwave the chocolate chips, peanut butter and 1 tablespoon butter in a large bowl for 1 minute.

Stir and microwave in 30-second intervals until melted smooth.

2. Stir in the cereal, ensuring each piece is evenly coated.

3. Microwave the marshmallows and

1 tablespoon butter in a medium bowl for 1 minutes.

Stir and microwave in 30-second intervals until melted smooth.

4. Add to cereal mixture until evenly mixed.

5. Grease a 9x13 inch pan.

Evenly press the mixture into the pan and let cool.

*For more food-giving ideas for the holidays, visit [AmesEatsFlavors.com](http://AmesEatsFlavors.com)*





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## Seven layer bars

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|-----|----------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1   | 14-ounce package graham crackers | 1/2 | cup walnut or pecans                  | with sugar and melted butter and press into a greased 9x13 inch pan.                         |
| 1/2 | cup butter, melted               | 1   | 14-ounce can sweetened condensed milk | 3. Lay the butterscotch chips, chocolate chips, coconut shreds and nuts on top of the crust. |
| 1   | tablespoon sugar                 |     |                                       | 4. Drizzle the sweetened condensed milk on top and bake at 350 for 20 to 30 minutes.         |
| 1   | cup butterscotch chips           | 1.  | Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.    |  |
| 1   | cup semi-sweet chocolate chips   | 2.  | Finely crush the graham crackers. Mix |  |
| 1   | cup shredded coconut             |     |                                       |  |

## Cookie crumbles

- 2 18-ounce package refrigerated sugar cookie dough, softened
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 3/4 cup seedless raspberry jam
- 1/4 cup white chocolate chips

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Line a 9x13 inch pan with foil, leaving an overhang on two sides.
2. Mix the cookie dough with the almond extract. Evenly press 2/3 of the dough into the pan.
3. Spread the jam over the dough. Crumble the remaining dough evenly over the top of jam and sprinkly the chocolate chips on top.
4. Bake for 35 minutes or until browned around the edges and cooked through



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5. Let cool, then lift the edges of the foil to remove the bars, cut and serve.

## Reese's Pieces delights

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|-------|----------------------|----|---|--|
| 1     | cup butter           | 2  | cups Reese's Pieces   | until creamy. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition.       |
| 1/2   | cup sugar            | 1. | Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.  | 4. Gradually beat in the flour mixture. Then, stir in the Reese's Pieces.          |
| 1     | cup brown sugar      | 2. | Combine the flour, baking soda and salt in small bowl.                                  | 5. Press the dough into a 15x10 pan and bake for 20 minutes or until golden brown. |
| 1     | teaspoon vanilla     | 3. | With an electric mixer, beat the butter, sugar, brown sugar and vanilla in a large bowl |  |
| 2     | large eggs           |    |   |  |
| 2 1/4 | cups flour           |    |   |  |
| 1     | teaspoon baking soda |    |   |  |
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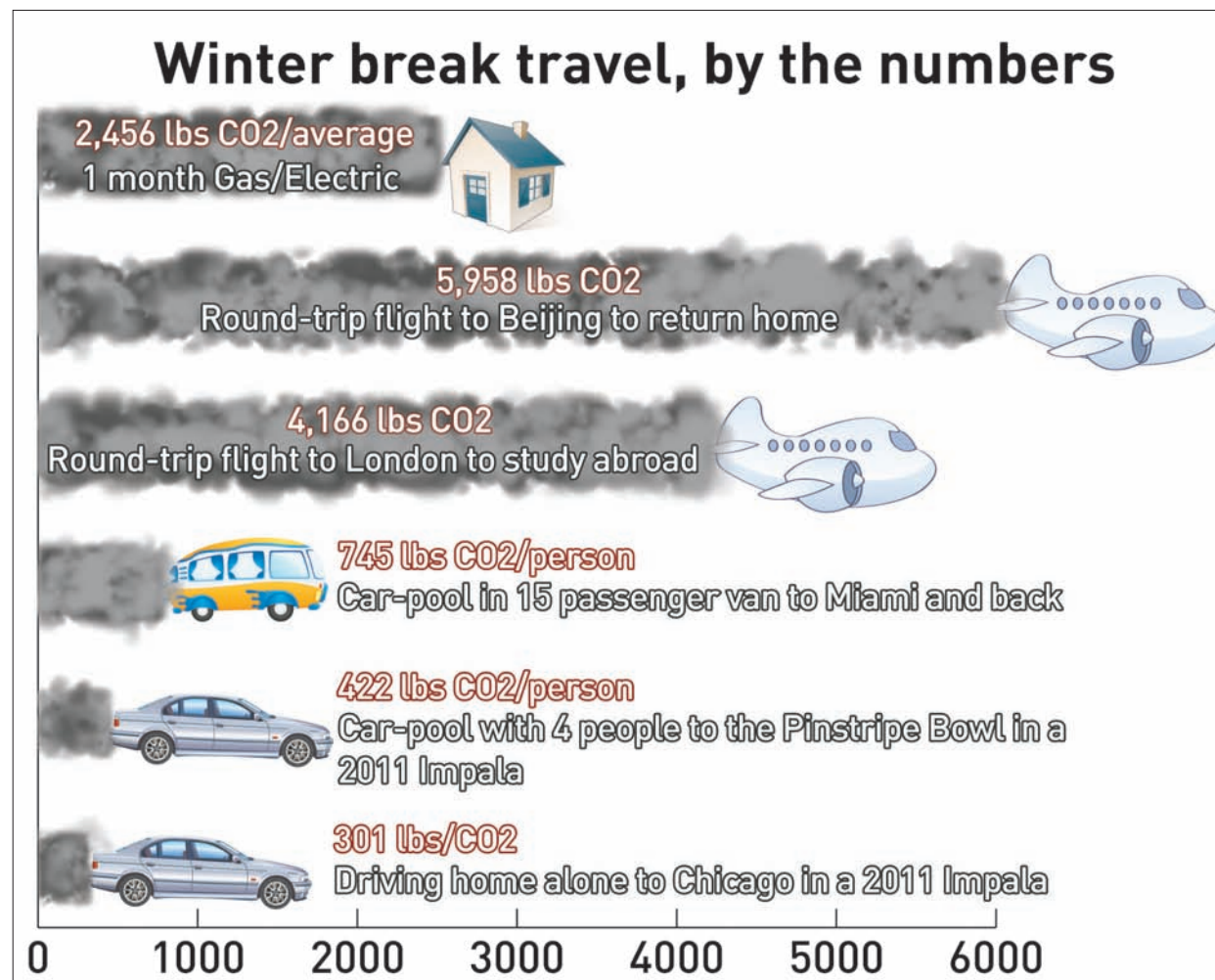
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## Emissions



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With the holiday season comes increased traveling all around the world, which means both checking accounts and the environment will be taking a hit. What can you do to help cut back on the environmental impact you are making and improve sustainability?

# Travel's CO2 price tag

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The semester is winding down, holiday break is here, Iowa State is playing in the Pinstripe Bowl, and students are going to be vacationing, heading home or studying abroad all across the globe. While the costs of gasoline and airfare run high, checking accounts will not be the only thing taking a hit this holiday.

Traveling during the holidays carries a high environmental price tag. According to Terrapass.com, the flight from Beijing carries a carbon footprint of 5,958 lbs. of CO2. This is over double the amount that it takes to provide heating and electric to the average home in Ames

for one full month.

Merry Rankin, director of sustainability at Iowa State, provided several tips for students to help keep their environmental impact down over the holidays.

"Carpooling to places and events is a great sustainable alternative," Rankin said. "Choose a more low-impact vehicle if you have a choice, and make sure the vehicle you travel with is ready. ... A well-maintained vehicle — don't forget to check your tires — runs more efficiently, no matter what make and model it is."

Liwei Liu, senior in accounting, plans to return home to China over the break. Liu discussed the prohibitive cost of traveling for international students but said that it was ultimately worth it for students who have little time or opportunity

to relax while in Ames.

Companies like TerraPass sell carbon offsets for those that are particularly worried about their footprint. One example of a purchasable offset is an investment into a plant which converts cow manure into electricity.

Rankin advises that despite the high impact of traveling, the value to sustainability might be worthwhile.

"Travel is important for social sustainability. When we have the opportunity to make connections and experience new places and things, it increases awareness and understandings and helps communities and cultures strengthen and grow. It also assists the economic sustainability of the places that we visit," she said.

## Energy



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To protect your apartment from the cold and a high energy bill, use your oven light to check on your goods instead of opening the oven door. You will save energy and money.

# Have a 'green' Christmas

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If you are like most college students, you started decorating for Christmas as soon as you returned from Thanksgiving Break.

Traditional holiday decorations include wreaths, stockings and, of course, a Christmas tree, but one decoration seems to be essential during this season: Christmas lights. Whether you are stringing them on a tree or lining every wall and window with them, Christmas lights are must have during these last few weeks of the semester.

But despite the cheer they seem to spread as the weather gets colder, Christmas lights consume a lot of energy. Fortunately, there are ways to reduce the amount of energy used by this decoration.

1.) Use LED holiday lights instead of incandescent ones, which can use up to 99 percent more energy. These energy-saving lights can be purchased for around \$12.

2.) While it's tempting to keep Christmas lights on when you have left the house or are sleeping, it's not necessary and wastes energy.

3.) If you like to fall asleep to the glow of Christmas lights, try using an automatic timer.

While these are a bit more expensive, sold for around \$30, they can be used year after year.

4.) Instead of wrapping your tree with Christmas lights, try stringing popcorn. Doing this is inexpensive and uses no energy at all.

If you live in an apartment, there are ways to protect your place from the cold weather (and your bank account from a high energy bill).

1.) Check your window and door frames for any cracks or holes. Caulk any you find to keep the cold out so you are not paying for more heat than you need.

2.) Get a humidifier to add moisture to the air, making a room feel warmer than it really is.

3.) Bundle up! Wear thick socks or slippers and a sweater at home so you can turn down your thermostat and not pay as much heat.

4.) When baking Christmas cookies, use your oven light to check on the progress instead of opening the oven door. This requires less heat and less energy.

It is easy to use a lot of energy during the Christmas season, but it's just as easy to save a little here and there. Utilize some of these tips to have yourself a green Christmas.



## Green giving



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Each purchase of a United By Blue T-shirt removes a pound of trash from the ocean. These can be bought for the price of \$34 each.



**Will you be seen on the Green Carpet?  
Sustainapalooza will be on Feb. 28, 2012.**

# Environmentally friendly gifts for the holidays

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Being environmentally friendly is a lifestyle. In other words, part of being green is giving green. Support eco shopping and gift better this holiday season.

### “The Outdoors Enthusiast”

It is likely that he or she not only loves nature but wants to lead the kind of sustainable lifestyle that will protect it. For around \$100, try Timberland Earthkeepers Men's Boots, made of green materials like recycled pop bottles, organic cotton and coffee grounds.

[www.timberland.com](http://www.timberland.com)

### “The Baby”

Older sister have a baby recently? Start the little bundle of joy off right with recyclable clothing. At [plumgear.com](http://plumgear.com), for just \$30 a month, Plum provides infant and toddler organic clothing in sizes 0 to 2T. According to the company's website, “Think of us as Netflix for baby clothes.” Each month, a bundle of baby clothes is delivered to the front door with free shipping. This company also donates the imperfect clothing to foster homes.

[www.plumgear.com](http://www.plumgear.com)

### “The Green Geek”

The consumption-driven electronics industry often clashes with ideas of sustainability and environmentalism. The good news is there are plenty of products that defy the usual ubiquitous e-waste. Try the ReCase iPhone Case from Miniwiz for around \$20, made from 100 percent trash from rice farming by-products and recycled plastic bottles.

[www.miniwiz.com](http://www.miniwiz.com)



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### “The Girlfriend”

For around \$30, you can show your love for her and the environment by purchasing peaceBOMB bracelets. Fragments of bombs are melted and shaped into bracelets. For each peaceBOMB product sold, Project peaceBOMB donates funds equivalent to the cost of clearing 1 to 15 square meters of unexploded bombs in Vietnam and Laos fields, forests and farms.

[www.peace-bomb.com](http://www.peace-bomb.com)



Photo courtesy of United By Blue

### “The Boyfriend”

A hoodie, around \$50, made of organic cotton from the ethical clothing company, United by Blue, would make a great gift. For every product sold, United by Blue removes one pound of trash from the world's oceans and waterways. The packaging is plastic-free and even uses hang tags made with elephant excrements. Shop United by Blue this Christmas, and at the checkout, type in the codeword `cyclones11` for \$5 off your purchase.

[www.unitedbyblue.com](http://www.unitedbyblue.com)

### “The Fashion Buff”

Osborn Shoes are entirely handcrafted by Guatemalan artisans and feature reclaimed cotton from Mayan skirts and recycled tire heels. For around \$100, you can give a unique, one-of-a-kind gift that is sweatshop-free. The website states, “Each shoe is signed by its maker, as a testament to the sense of pride for the maker, as well as the wearer.”

[www.osborndesign.com](http://www.osborndesign.com)

### “The Design Junkie”

The “Design Junkie” is hard to please. Original and well-designed gifts can be hard to find, especially if your design fan is picky about their carbon footprint and impact on the environment.

Map Pillow Covers, around \$50, from My Bearded Pigeon can be the perfect gift.

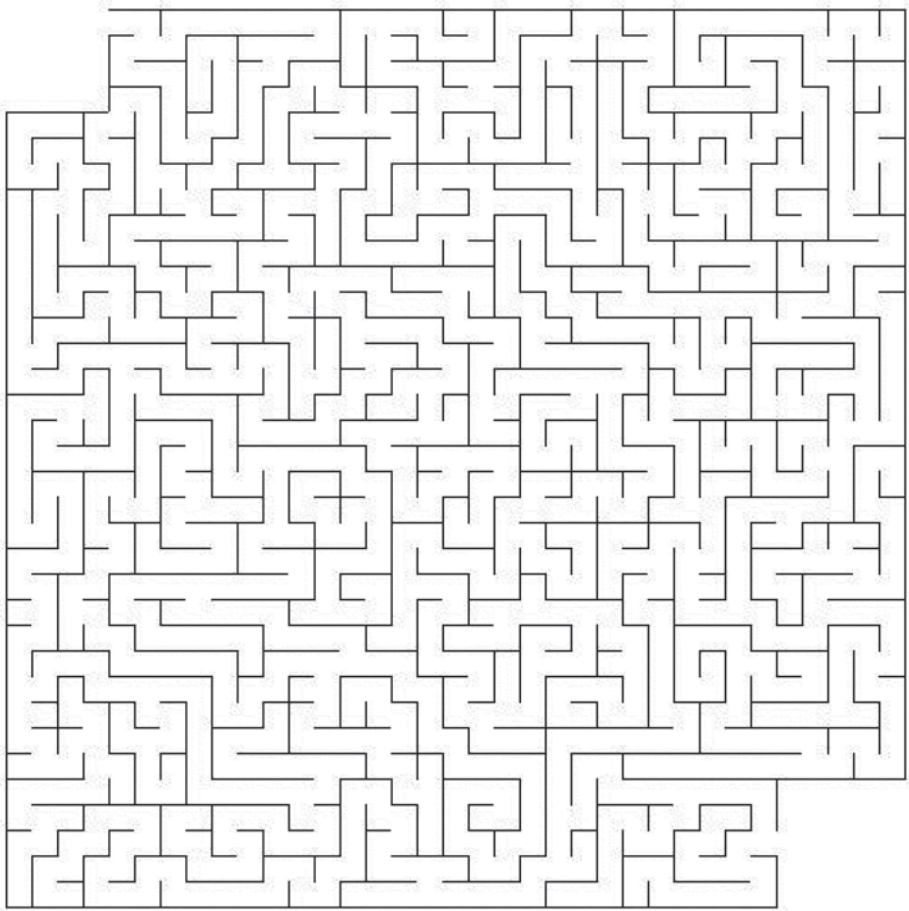
My Bearded Pigeon uses organic materials that meet the Global Organic Textile Standard for ecology and social responsibility.

They only sell the pillow covers, not the stuffing, in order to keep postage and carbon emissions low.

A portion of the proceeds are also donated to Kiva, an anti-poverty association.  
[www.mybeardedpigeon.com](http://www.mybeardedpigeon.com)



Magic Maze #1



JOKES

There was a student who was desirous of taking admission for a study course.

He was smart enough to get through the written test, a GD and was to appear for the personal interview. Later, as the interview progressed, the interviewer found this boy to be bright since he could answer all the questions correctly. The interviewer got impatient and decided to corner the boy.

“Tell me your choice;” said he to the boy, “What’s your choice: I shall either ask you ten easy questions or ONE real difficult. Think well before you make up your mind.”

The boy thought for a while and said, “My choice is ONE real difficult question.”

“Well, good luck to you, you have made your own choice!” said the man on the opposite side. Tell me: What comes first, Day or Night?”

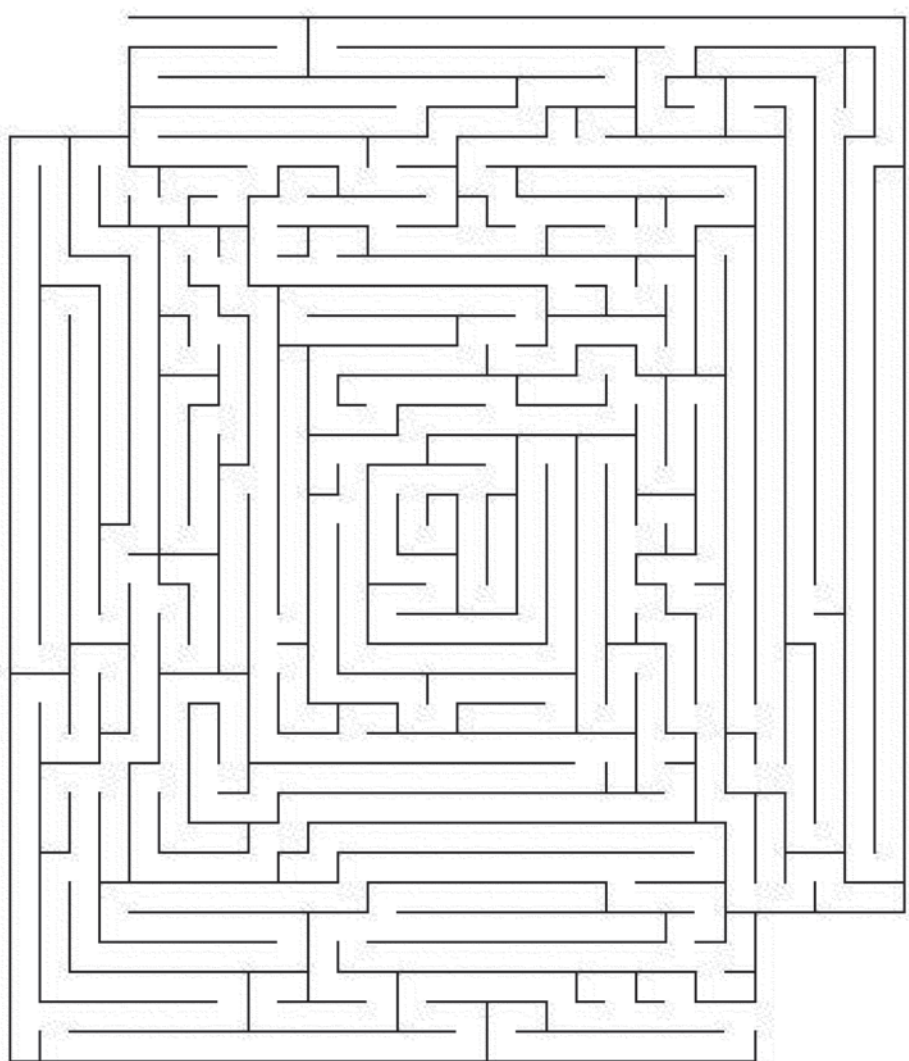
The boy was jolted first but he waited for a while and said: “It’s the DAY, sir.”

“How???????” the interviewer was smiling (“At last, I got you!” he said to himself.)

“Sorry sir, you promised me that you will not ask me a SECOND difficult question!”

Admission for the course was thus secured.

Magic Maze #2



Teachers

Three college professors were driving down the highway at a very slow speed. A policeman pulled them over and explained that driving so slowly on the highway could be hazardous. The driver pointed out the sign that read “20.” He explained that he was going 20 mph because of the sign. The policeman pointed out that the sign indicated they were driving on Highway 20.

Somewhat embarrassed the professor apologized and promised to be more observant.

As the policeman turn to walk back to his car, he noticed the other two professors on the floor ...looking scared to death! He asked the driver, “What’s wrong with them?”

The driver replied, “We just turned off Highway 105.”

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## BRAIN TEASERS

Five college seniors--- John, Oscar, Earl, Ernie, and Marvin---rent an off-campus house. Each one is majoring in a different subject---psychology, chemistry, biology, math, or physics. They are attending college on sports scholarships in five sports: football, baseball, track, tennis, and swimming. And each is taking a different foreign language: French, Spanish, Italian, German, and Russian. From the clues given, try to determine the language, the sport, and the major

of each of the five students.

1. The biology major, the swimmer, the student taking Italian, and Marvin have never missed any of Ernie's home football games.
2. Neither Oscar nor Earl is the one who takes Spanish or the one who is a physics major, but one of them is a baseball player.
3. Marvin and the track star had lunch with the math major and later met

Oscar after his German class.

4. The baseball Player, the math major, and Oscar all have rooms on the top floor, whereas John and the physics major have rooms on the ground floor.
5. The psychology major is taking German.
6. The biology major is not the track star and does not take Russian.

## ALCOHOL : MEMORY

Alcohol consumption can cause several different memory problems. In one study it was shown that heavy drinkers have an increased risk of developing Alzheimer's disease and dementia later in life. This is probably due to the toxic effect that alcohol has on the neurons in your brain.

Alcohol can also cause Vitamin B deficiencies which can lead to a disorder called Korsakoff's syndrome which can result in permanent long-term memory loss.

Excessive alcohol consumption can also cause blackouts and memory loss. Some studies show that this is because alcohol inhibits the ability of memories to be transferred from short-term to long-term memory.

Some recent studies have shown that light drinking (up to one drink a day) may have a beneficial effect on memory, but the reasons for this are still unclear.

ANSWERS  
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Earl-French-baseball-biology  
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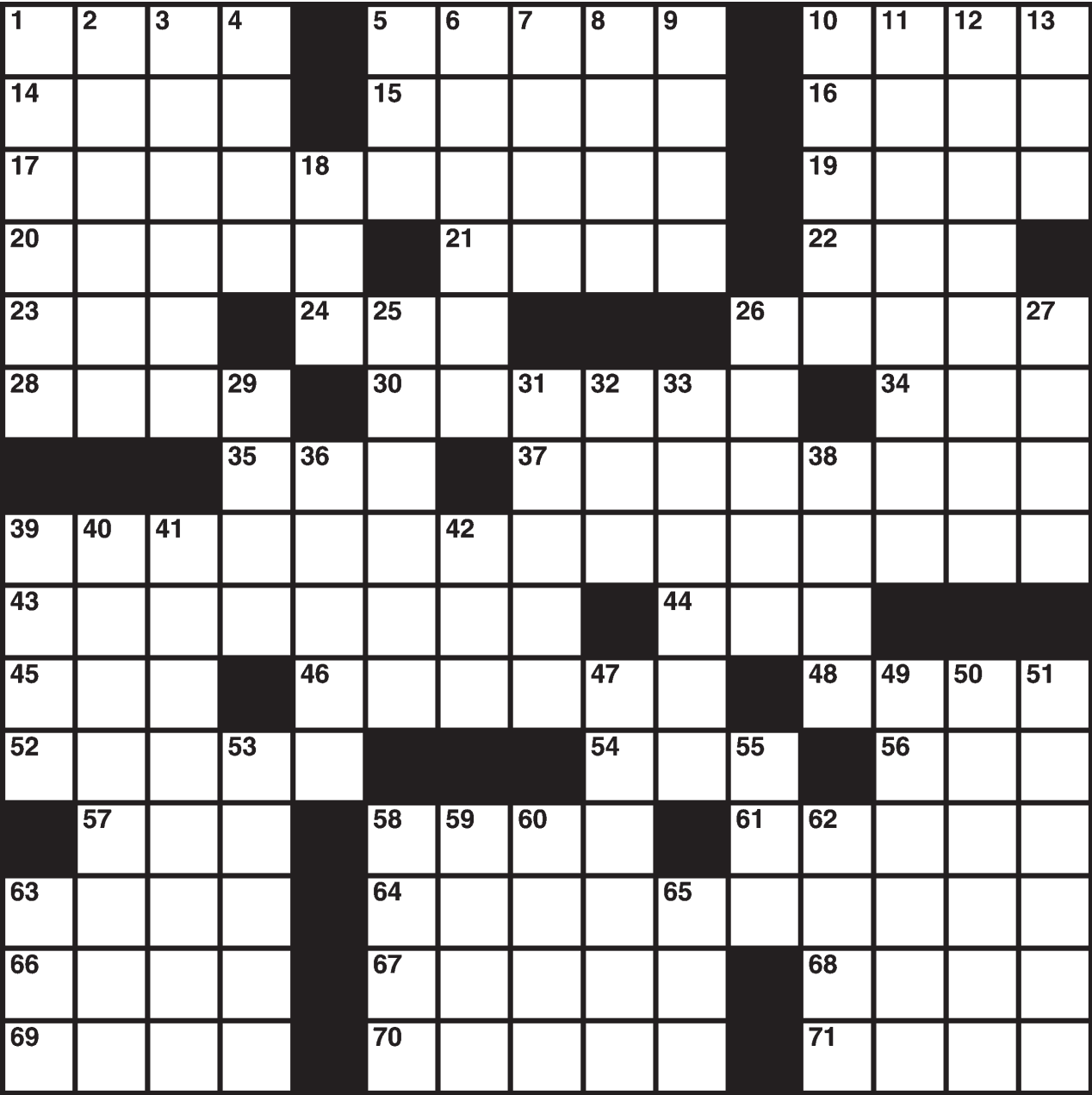
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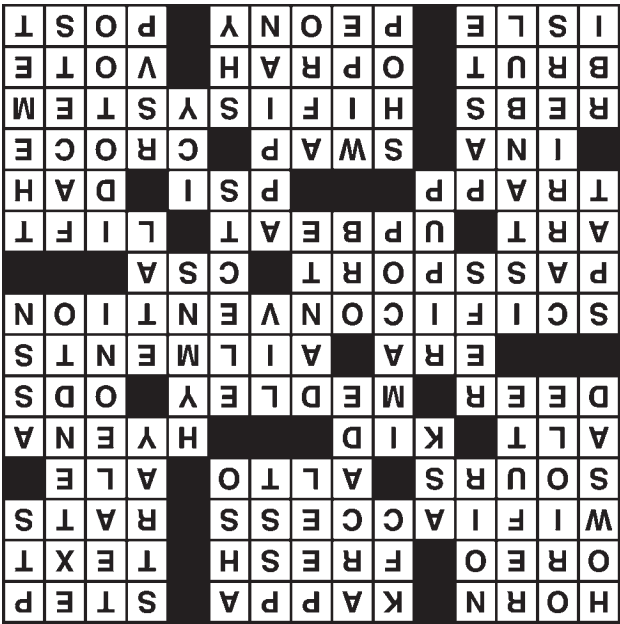
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Across

- 1 Powder for Junior  
5 Cyberzines  
10 Sudden show of energy  
14 Ho-hum  
15 Prepare for a road trip  
16 Barbra's "Funny Girl" co-star  
17 Crisp cylindrical appetizer

- 19 Iditarod destination  
20 Brazil discoverer Cabral  
21 Season to be jolly  
22 At liberty  
23 Founding father?  
25 Superlatively spooky  
27 Tango necessity  
31 Collegiate climber  
32 Fury  
33 Country with a five-

- sided flag  
37 Strive  
38 Jaunt that might get straw in your hair  
41 Samuel Adams Summer \_\_\_  
42 Words on a fictional cake  
44 Article in Le Monde?  
45 1988 Ryan/Quaid

- remake  
46 Pleasure craft  
51 Collapsed  
54 Not domestic, as a flight: Abbr.  
55 Available, as a job  
56 Give \_\_\_: okay  
58 Keebler staff  
62 Suds, so to speak  
63 State of excitement

(generated by the starts of 17-, 27-, 38- and 46-Across?)  
65 Auctioned auto  
66 Prepare for more printing  
67 Radar's favorite pop  
68 Vaulted recess  
69 Supplement  
70 Privy to

Down

- 1 1/2 fl. oz.  
2 Mont Blanc, par exemple  
3 Pie baker's shortening  
4 Sarkozy's predecessor  
5 Food in a shell  
6 Echoic nursery rhyme opening  
7 Not worth \_\_: valueless  
8 Esophagus  
9 It might be vented  
10 Homecoming tradition  
11 Love, in Livorno  
12 Proper nouns  
13 Welcome  
18 Junction point  
24 Samoa's largest city  
26 Philosopher Descartes  
27 Greasy spoon  
28 Nike rival  
29 Russian refusal

- 30 Summer tube fare  
34 Paw bottoms  
35 Soothing succulent  
36 Shakespearean father of three  
38 Leader  
39 Occurrence  
40 Hollywood's Laura or Bruce  
43 Bad boy of 1970s-'80s tennis  
47 1960s African famine site  
48 Lacking  
49 Sch. near the Rio Grande  
50 "Fighting" Big Ten team  
51 Lethal snake  
52 "Not \_\_\_ out of you!": "Shh!"  
53 Senate tie breakers, briefly  
57 "Metamorphoses" poet  
59 Former Formula One car engine  
60 Reverberate  
61 Commonly bruised bone  
64 "Citizen Kane" studio

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Across

- 1 Indian royals  
6 Pulitzer-winning columnist Maureen  
10 Popular British brew  
14 Kuwaiti neighbor  
15 Albany-to-Buffalo canal  
16 Game point, in tennis  
17 Make a case  
18 Actor Kilmer et al.

- 19 Not common  
20 33/63-Across, in golf  
23 Kirby Puckett and Mickey Mantle, by pos.  
26 Tech sch. near Albany  
27 Withered with age  
28 33/63-Across, in stock car racing  
31 See 7-Down  
32 Words with a nod

- 33 With 63-Across, nickname for four immortals in this puzzle  
36 Mark replacement  
38 Ran into  
39 West Indies native  
41 Secretly watch, with "on"  
42 Holler's partner  
44 2011 Libyan arms

- embargo enforcement gp.  
45 33/63-Across, in swing music  
49 Climbed on  
52 Imperfect, as mdse.  
53 Hog's home  
54 33/63-Across, in rock 'n' roll  
57 Family group  
58 Suffix for the wealthy

- 59 Protect  
63 See 33-Across  
64 "Top Chef" judge Simmons  
65 Like mentors vis-à-vis mentees, usually  
66 Complete collections  
67 Differ ender  
68 High-maintenance

Down

- 1 Estuary  
2 LAX touchdown  
3 Drinking binge  
4 Color similar to turquoise  
5 \_\_ Nevada mountain range  
6 Bereft (of)  
7 With 31-Across, postgraduate test  
8 Setting for saloons and shootouts  
9 Regardless of  
10 Beer grain  
11 Rhett Butler's final words  
12 Yes-Bob connection  
13 Wooden Mortimer  
21 "All Things Considered" ainer  
22 Templo Mayor worshiper  
23 Alberta natives

- 24 Renovate  
25 Frightening  
29 Health care gp.  
30 Devoutness  
33 Mine transports  
34 Attempt to strike  
35 Black wood  
37 Loses, as winter fur  
38 Dutch artist Piet  
40 Also  
43 Résumé length, often  
45 Raises, as a subject, with "in"  
46 Brazilian supermodel Bündchen  
47 The Magic of the NBA  
48 Washington rival, in college sports  
49 Bremen brew  
50 Stan's sidekick  
51 \_\_-garde  
55 Old Norse mariner  
56 Eggnog season  
60 Suffix with Gator  
61 Wine choice  
62 Wine choice

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What is the rebus, as indicated by the second portion?

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(starting line) It

(starting line) Saying

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(starting line) > > > > > > > > > > > > > >

> > > > > > It (finish line)

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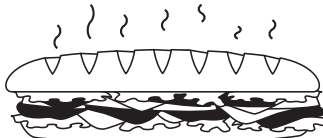
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...  
D"Let's face it, after monday and tuesday, even the calendar says "WTF"  
...  
Your backpack doesn't need a seat when the bus is packed, just sayin'  
...  
you know you're a college student when your fan doubles as a hair dryer. just sayin.  
...  
It goes "No Shave November" into "Don't Shave December" right?  
...  
To the person that got attacked by a raccoon- Touche. -- Sincerely, Owl Dodger.  
...  
Dead week, more like Freshman only party week. Screw you upper class-men with your "real" classes.  
...  
I almost feel bad for the teachers that will read my teacher evaluations, key word- almost.  
...  
How are TAs better at teaching than the people with large salaries that do it for a living?  
...  
Dear people swaddled in winter gear. It STILL gets colder. Just sayin'.  
...  
Ladies, I'm a non-traditionalist. You can initiate the conversation.

My first draft, is my final draft... Just sayin'  
...  
"I think people are confusing ""Farmboy Courtesy"" with ""Minnesota Nice""- Just Sayin'"  
...  
To whoever controls the temperature in the library. We would all appreciate it if you stopped trying to freeze us to death!  
...  
My neighbor knocked on my wall (probably because I had the music up too loud) but I was in a joking mood and told him to go around....  
...  
tis the season to be frozen, fa la la la la la la la la  
...  
If you see that the bus is getting crowded, don't stand there like brainless idiots, move to the back of the bus. just sayin'  
...  
Green coat man and brown hair girl in Chem 177: just date already love, the rest of the class  
...  
To the guy in the blue hoodie, do you ever take it off?  
...  
ya know, i'm flexible this year. Naughty or nice I can go either way. Just sayin'  
...  
...

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...  
The ISU basketball team shouldn't be allowed to wear shirts while eating in Seasons. Just sayin.  
...  
Hey Roomate I wasn't asleep last night when you decided to have a fight with your boyfriend on the phone. I didn't need to hear all of that either.  
...  
Christmas Caroling on Campus.... made my week :)  
...  
Yes we know it's cold, Yes we know it's snowing...Did you know it's December in Iowa? GET OVER IT  
...  
Hats off to the guys who hold doors open!!  
...

I'd be more apt to fill out online course evals if they offered to enter me into a drawing for a prize upon completion :)  
...  
don't pour candle wax down your toilet...  
...  
NOW ACCEPTING Applicaitons for a girlfriend... I need to know the level of crazy before I make the decision  
...  
To those of you who are still wearing shorts and t-shirts in 18 degree weather: you don't look badass, you look like your mom forgot to help you get dressed before you left her basement. Just sayin'.  
...  
Silly rabbit, Trix are for kids.  
...  
Figured out this weekend that Christmas lights can be used as strobe lights, if you have enough of them.....just sayin.  
...  
4.5 years and a liver later... my adventure at Iowa State is coming to an end.  
...  
Iowa State should get a contract with red bull so all students could drink free Red Bull during dead week... #collegegrind  
...  
To the guy complaining about Christmas, MERRY CHRISTMAS  
...  
A penny saved is ridiculous... just sayin'

dear boyfriend: next semester remember youre studying abroad, not studying broads.  
...  
I like turtles, Just Sayin  
...  
Never hold your farts in. They travel up your spine and into your brain. Thats where shitty ideas come from...just sayin  
...  
Everytime I see someone running for the bus it makes me want to yell "Run Forest Run"!  
...  
To the cute girl in Theatre 106, I finally got the nerve to talk to you today and you didn't come to class. Why do you do this to me?  
...  
To all of the Janitors and the Grounds Keepers, you are doing an amazing job, Just Sayin!  
...  
Gerdin front desk ladies are lookin' fine. Just sayin....

people next to me in the periodical section of the library..... IT IS MANDATORY SILENCE, SHUT UP.  
...  
stuff happens when you party naked...just sayin'  
...  
If the world ends in 2012, at least math will end with it - Just Sayin  
If I catch you peeing on the toilet seat, I'm going to kick you in the back of the knees and drown you.  
...  
To the girl I saw walking in the MU today, your skin was the color of a penny. That's not normal.  
...  
To everyone who had to smell my farts today, I am deeply sorry. I hope you are still alive.

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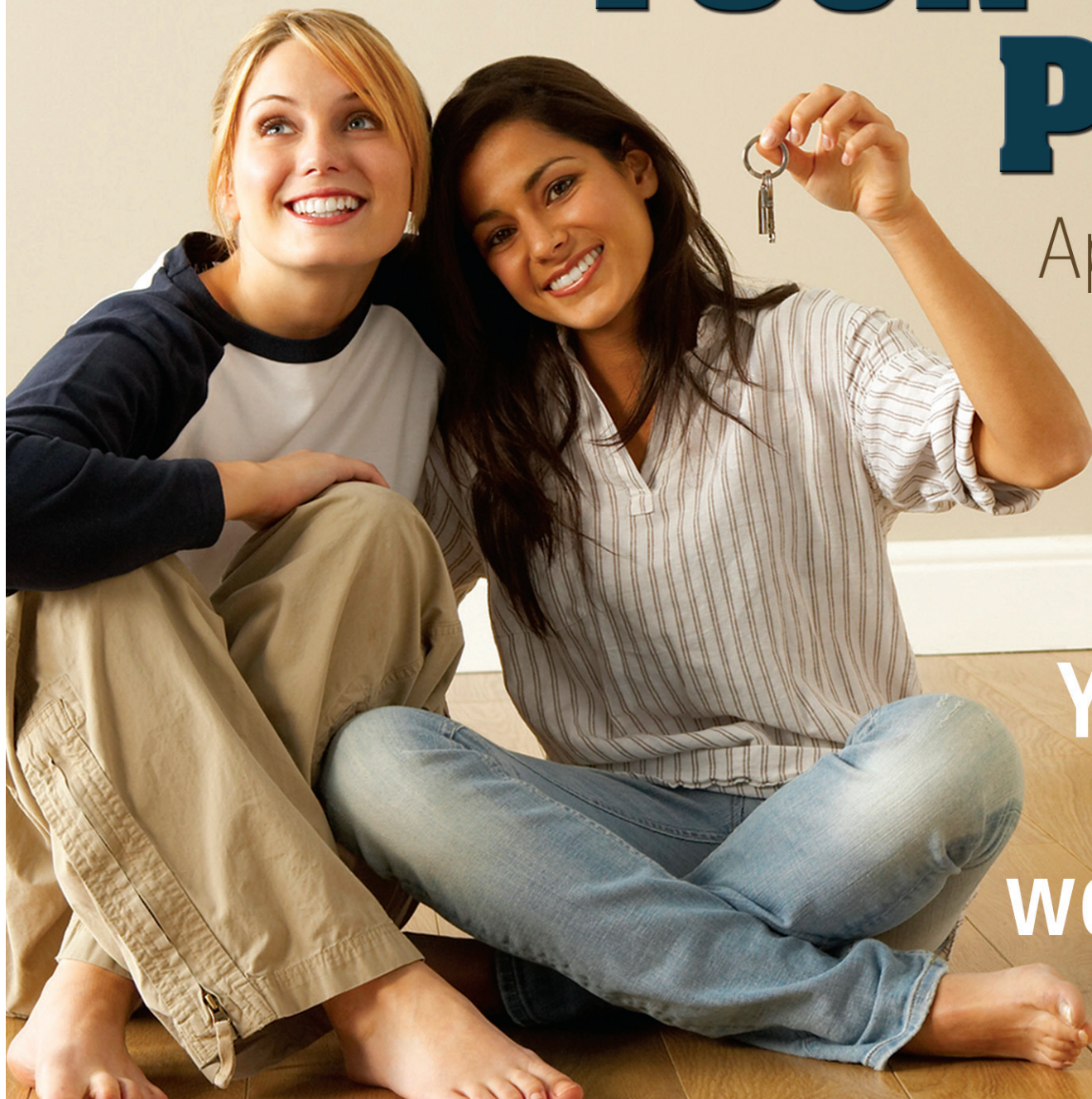
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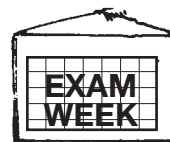
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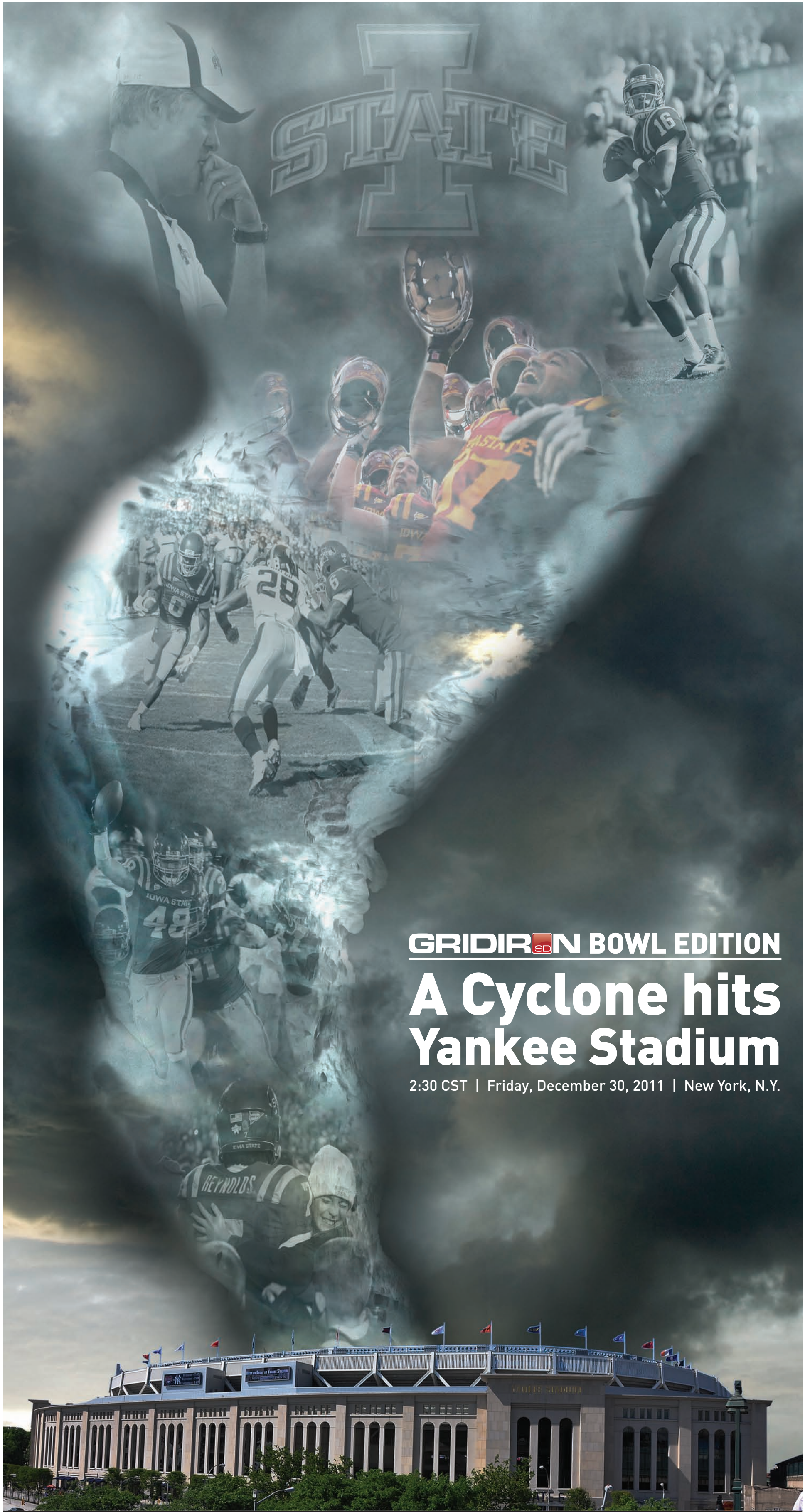
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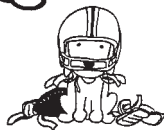
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By Daily staff

Iowa State is offering travel packages to the Pinstripe Bowl, which will be played in Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, N.Y.

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## SCHEDULE:



The Associated Press

## Cyclones face busy schedule in lead-up to Pinstripe Bowl

By Daily Staff

Members of the ISU football team will be taking a few days off before beginning preparations for the Cyclones' Dec. 30 Pinstripe Bowl matchup against Rutgers.

Following the athletes' final exams, the ISU athletic department said the players will be allowed to return home briefly before flying to New York to begin final preparations for the game.

Once in New York, the Cyclones will practice at Hofstra University's athletic facilities.

According to a news release, the ISU football team will practice at Hofstra on Dec. 27 and Dec. 28. Then, on Dec. 29, the Cyclone players will visit the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in a "community event," according to the release.

Following the event, the team will have their final walkthrough at Yankee Stadium on Dec. 29.

The Cyclones then face off against Rutgers at 2:30 p.m. Central time on Dec. 30.

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## Pinstripe Bowl



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Linebacker Jake Knott, with defensive end Rony Nelson, take down Texas A&M quarterback Ryan Tannehill on Oct. 22. Iowa State takes on Rutgers in the Pinstripe Bowl at 2:30 p.m. CST on Dec. 30 at Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, N.Y.

# Unknown opponent

## Iowa State gears up for 1st-ever meeting with Scarlet Knights

By Jake Calhoun  
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Before the season started, the ISU football team was predicted to win just two of its 12 games.

After notching multiple victories against the seven ranked teams on the schedule — the most ranked teams faced in ISU history — though, the Cyclones (6-6, 3-6 Big 12) will be playing Rutgers on Dec. 30 in the Pinstripe Bowl, which will be their second bowl trip in three years.

"I'm thrilled for these kids who've laid it out there on the field week in and week out, put themselves in a position to get this reward," said ISU coach Paul Rhoads. "Now [we] prepare to go out there and try to get our seventh victory of the season."

Iowa State has never played Rutgers (8-4, 4-3 Big East) in its history, making this first matchup tricky in terms of preparation and knowing what to expect.

"There are a lot of unknowns, and those unknowns create a lot of challenges," said linebacker Jake Knott. "With those challenges, we're just going to have to put in the extra work and get ready for a team like Rutgers because we don't know very much about them."

Even though the players will be unfamiliar with the Scarlet Knights, Rhoads has experience against them having faced them as a defensive coordinator at Pittsburgh.

"I have great respect for their football program having gone against them for eight years, and seven of those years, Greg [Schiano] was the head football coach," Rhoads said. "He does a fantastic with that program — getting the kids to believe, getting them to play unbelievably hard."

The Cyclones battled injuries throughout the season, hindering their performance at times while having to make accommodations on short notice. However, the 27-day gap between their final regular season game — a 30-23 loss to Kansas State — and the bowl will provide an invaluable advantage.

"The way I see it is everybody's going to be feeling fresh," said left tackle Kelechi Osemele. "Everybody's going to be feeling good and flying around, so it's going to be fun."

A potential disadvantage for Iowa State is the proximity of Rutgers' football facilities to Yankee Stadium — which sit less than 50 miles apart from its stadium in Piscataway, N.J.

"I'm not real excited about that," Rhoads said. "That's very much an advantage to them. We have a chance to be outnumbered. I believe they're going to be practicing at home, so [there are] several points already favored to a Rutgers advantage."

Rutgers has also already played at Yankee Stadium this season, having



Rhoads



Knott



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Coach Paul Rhoads and defensive coordinator Wally Burnham talk with the defensive line during the game against Texas A&M on Oct. 22. Rhoads has led the Cyclones to two bowls in his three years at the helm of the program.



File photo: Zhenru Zhang/Iowa State Daily

Wide receiver Darius Darks moves the ball around the Jayhawk defense Nov. 5. The Cyclones won 13-10. Yankee Stadium, the site of the Pinstripe Bowl, is just 50 miles away from Iowa State's opponent — Rutgers — football facilities



File photo: Jordan Maurice/Iowa State Daily

Senior left tackle Kelechi Osemele watches the overtime coin toss at midfield Nov. 18. The Cyclones notched an historic victory against then-No. 2 Oklahoma State, winning 37-31 in double overtime.

beaten Army 27-12 there on Nov. 12.

While most bowls are played in the southern part of the country where warmer weather is prevalent, some concern has been raised about playing in the cold, open-air atmosphere of New York. That concern, though, is moot for the ISU seniors.

"We've been in some pretty bad weather, so we're used to it," said wide receiver Darius Darks. "Especially the upperclassmen, we've seen colder weather than what we've seen so far. I remember in 2008, the game against Missouri, it was probably in the high-20s, so we've played in some cold weather."

For those seniors, regardless, playing in their second bowl game in the past three years having survived a coaching change following a two-win

season is a rewarding experience in and of itself.

"It means a lot because of the trials and tribulations you go through, it's good to know that with a good coaching staff and some good leadership that you can get a lot of things done," Osemele said. "It's a goal that we set for ourselves at the beginning of the season, so we feel good about going back [to a bowl] and getting it done."

Kickoff is slated for 2:30 p.m. CST on Dec. 30 with the game being shown on ESPN.

"Coach Rhoads came in, changed the program around, he's been a great coach early at Iowa State," said nose tackle Stephen Ruempolhamer. "I believe he's going to do better things than what we're doing right now and I think that's great."

## Editorial

# BCS got title game wrong

It seems to be the discussion that just won't go away.

Every year, the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) ranking system causes college football fans to be up in arms about some bowl matchup — which team got included instead of another, for example — to fuel the burning campaign to switch to a playoff system.

We're not going to stand on our soapbox and preach the need for a playoff system — honestly, bowls make college football unique, in our collective opinion — but we will say there are flaws that need to be addressed, especially with this year's selection.

First, we speak for a majority of those out there when we say we did not want to see an Alabama-LSU rematch in the National Championship game. Both teams, who finished No. 1 and No. 2 in the BCS poll, hail from the SEC West and have already played — LSU won 9-6 in overtime Nov. 5.

It is a fact that there has never been a team that has won the national championship without winning its own conference crown. With that being said, why should Alabama have a shot at the national title when it couldn't even win its own division, let alone its own conference?

We know that the two best teams should play in the title game, but Oklahoma State could have made a compelling case for jumping Alabama at No. 2 in the polls.

It's true that Iowa State's 37-31 double-overtime upset of the then-No. 2 Cowboys on Nov. 18 was a major catalyst in keeping them out of the championship game, but the bottom line is they won the Big 12 and have enough season accolades to be worthy of competing for a national title.

Also, here's the most jarring and most compelling reason for an OSU-LSU championship game — the Big 12 has been ranked as the toughest conference in college football by the latest Sagarin poll.

So why should Alabama, which didn't win its conference or its division, get a bid in the title game instead of Oklahoma State, which won the toughest conference in the nation?

Another thing that needs to be addressed is the fact that the Atlantic Coast Conference got two bids (Clemson, Virginia Tech) in the BCS bowls while the Big 12 only got one (Oklahoma State).

Kansas State, which found itself in the Cotton Bowl after being denied a BCS bid, is ranked at No. 8, which is higher than Virginia Tech, who got an at-large bid to the Sugar Bowl, at No. 11.

Kansas State also outranked both Virginia Tech and Michigan — the Hokies' opponent in the Sugar Bowl — in all considerable categories except for number of away games, which Virginia Tech had with six.

A 2-2 record against ranked opponents and 5-2 record against top 30 teams should have gotten Kansas State a BCS bid, especially since neither Virginia Tech nor Michigan had those particular accolades on their resumes.

It should be said that Kansas State, which has the smallest athletic endowment in the Big 12, likely would not have drawn as many fans to a BCS bowl game as Michigan or Virginia Tech. This was probably the deciding factor for selecting those two instead of Kansas State, which makes sense financially if money is the only thing that matters and blatantly outweighs the quality of the game itself.

Because hey, the quality of the game isn't that important, right?



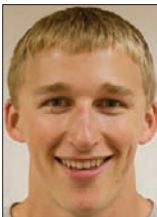

So once again, we give another gigantic facepalm to the BCS for getting it wrong. Again.

Maybe next year we won't have to make these same complaints, but we doubt it.

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Projected to finish ninth out of 10 teams in the Big 12 Conference, Iowa State finished 6-6, 3-4 in Big 12 play after winning four games in which it was designated as underdogs. Those four wins were highlighted by a pair of multiple-overtime wins against in-state rival Iowa and No. 2 Oklahoma State.

Here's a look at some of the story lines that shaped the regular season for the Cyclones.

### Jantz, Barnett split regular season at quarterback

On Aug. 20, ISU coach Paul Rhoads revealed that junior quarterback Jerome Tiller, who started the final two games of the 2010 season and was widely thought to be the choice to start the 2011 season, would be academically ineligible for the entire 2011 season. Thus, Rhoads named junior college transfer Steele Jantz as the starter for Iowa State's season opener against Northern Iowa.

After a triple-overtime victory over Iowa, Jantz became known for more than just his unique name as he completed 25-of-37 passes for 275 yards and four touchdowns in the 44-41 ISU victory. Jantz again led the Cyclones to victory at Connecticut, but sprained his foot in the process. Over the next three games, Jantz would turn the ball over five times. After an interception and a pair of three-and-outs to start the Texas A&M game, Jantz was pulled in favor of redshirt freshman Jared Barnett.

In his first start the next week, the Garland, Texas, native returned to his home state and ended Iowa State's four-game skid, quarterbacking a 41-7 win against Texas Tech. Barnett racked up 125 rushing yards in a 13-10 win over Kansas and then accounted for 460 total yards in a 37-31 upset of No. 2 Oklahoma State to start his ISU career 3-0 as a starter.

### Cadre of backs carry Cyclone rushing attack

Facing the departure of the



Running back James White runs the ball in for a touchdown, sending the game into double overtime Sept. 10 at Jack Trice Stadium. White led the Cyclones on the ground with 701 yards rushing and seven touchdowns.

fourth-leading rusher in school history, Alexander Robinson, the ISU pre-season depth chart listed four sophomore running backs — Shontrelle Johnson, James White, Jeff Woody and Duran Hollis — who were all expected to see carries throughout the season.

After Johnson was lost for the season due to a neck injury suffered in the Texas game, the 5-foot-8-inch, 184-pound White carried much of the load with 43 carries in losses to Baylor, Missouri and Texas A&M. Then, in a 41-7 win over Texas Tech the ground game exploded. The Cyclones ran the ball on 67 of their 93 offensive plays en route to 368 yards and four touchdowns on the ground. White and Hollis eclipsed the 100-yard plateau and Barnett added 92 yards as Iowa State rushed for the most yards since rushing for 434 against Indiana State in 1999.

White led the Cyclones on the ground with 701 yards rushing and seven touchdowns, including 100-plus-yard performances against Baylor and Texas Tech. Woody

thrived in his role as a bruising back with 360 yards and five touchdowns, 145 of which came in the final two games. Hollis showcased his big-play ability, averaging 7.4 yards per carry, aided by runs of 71 and 44 yards as he added 214 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

### Attendance records shattered at Jack Trice Stadium

After 54,672 people came out for the season opener, the ISU athletic department made it a goal each week to have the total attendance at Jack Trice Stadium exceed 50,000 fans each week. They succeeded.

Over the six-game home schedule, an average of 53,647 fans attended each game at Jack Trice, a stadium record breaking the previous season-high average of 51,906 set during the 1982 season. In addition to the season opener, which saw the sixth-most fans all-time come through the gates, two other games cracked the top 10 all-time most attended games at Jack Trice with the second-most all-time

on hand for the Texas game (56,390) and third-most for Iowa (56,085).

### Biggest win in program history

52,027 fans were on hand in Jack Trice Stadium as Iowa State entered its nationally televised Nov. 18 match-up with No. 2-ranked Oklahoma State 0-56-2 all-time against teams ranked in the top six in the AP poll.

Down 24-7 in the third quarter, the Cyclones battled back to force overtime, and after an interception by Ter'Ran Benton in the first overtime, Jeff Woody carried four times from 25 yards out, including the final plunge into the end zone to seal the 37-31 double-overtime win. Holding an explosive OSU offense to just 24 points and forcing five turnovers, the Cyclones celebrated their first win over a top six team by storming the field en masse.

### Gary emerges amid legal issues

Beginning with the win against

Kansas, a new leading receiver stepped up for the Cyclones in red-shirt sophomore Albert Gary. The Ocala, Fla., native snagged five balls for 57 yards against Kansas. The Monday after the Kansas game, Rhoads announced that Gary had been suspended for the first three games of the season and that he was going to be charged with first-degree robbery stemming from an incident in Ames back in June.

Just three days after turning himself in to authorities and spending Tuesday morning in jail, Gary was back on the field leading Iowa State with seven catches for 109 yards and a touchdown in the upset of No. 2 Oklahoma State. He also led the Cyclones with four catches for 52 yards the following week at Oklahoma.

Gary's order for arraignment hearing will take place Monday. Rhoads has said that he will consider further punishment if Gary is found guilty.

### Defense ends season on high note

A defense that allowed more than 400 yards and 33 points in each of its four mid-season losses rebounded to help the Cyclones become bowl eligible.

After allowing 42.5 points per game in the four-game skid, that average dipped to just 18.5 points per game in the Cyclones' three-game win streak and a 26-6 loss at Oklahoma.

The 18.5 points per game average was the best in the Big 12 over that month-long stretch ahead of Texas, who allowed 19.7 per game. The Cyclones also forced 13 turnovers over that stretch, two more than they had in their previous seven games.

Four Cyclones were recognized by the Big 12 Conference, led by first-team All-Big 12 linebacker A.J. Klein, who was named co-defensive player of the year.

Knott and cornerback Leonard Johnson were named to the second team and defensive end Jake Lattimer received honorable mention recognition.



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Season in review

# Quarterback question remains for bowl game

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Projected to finish last among the eight Big East conference teams, Rutgers flipped its 4-8 record from a year ago and finished 8-4 overall and 4-3 in Big East play. The Scarlet Knights won three of five games decided by seven or fewer points, including two overtime wins against Syracuse and South Florida.

Here's a look at some of the story lines that shaped Rutgers' regular season.

Nearly conference champions

Entering their regular season finale against Connecticut, the 8-3 Scarlet Knights needed a win against the 4-7 Huskies to earn a share of the Big East championship and possibly receive a berth in a BCS bowl game. The Scarlet Knights were favored to win after winning their last three, but six turnovers and a stifling UConn run defense that held Rutgers to -9 yards on the ground spelled an upset as the Huskies cruised to a 40-22 victory.

Instead of a trip to the BCS, the Scarlet Knights will make the short 50-mile trip northeast from Piscataway, N.J. to New York City for the Pinstripe Bowl.

Back at Yankee Stadium

When Rutgers takes the field at Yankee Stadium on Dec. 30, it will be the second appearance on the home field of the MLB's New York Yankees this season. Rutgers and Army squared off in the third college football game played at the new Yankee Stadium on Nov. 12.

A blocked punt that was returned for a touchdown and an impressive day — 13 catches for 129 yards — from junior

wide receiver Mohamed Sanu led the Scarlet Knights to the 27-12 victory against the Black Knights. The win brought Rutgers within a half game of Big East-leading Cincinnati heading into the final three weeks of the regular season.

Paralyzed player provides inspiration

The Army-Rutgers matchup in 2011 brought back vivid memories for the Rutgers players, coaches and fans of the 2010 game between the two teams.

While covering a kickoff in the fourth quarter of last year's matchup, Eric LeGrand, a junior defensive lineman, went to the ground immediately after making a tackle on Army kick returner Malcolm Brown. LeGrand laid on the field for five minutes and was unable to move after a pair of fractured vertebrae paralyzed him from the neck down.

Initial sadness became strength as LeGrand progressed rapidly through his treatment. Told by doctors that he would never come off a ventilator, LeGrand came off of it just five weeks after the incident and hasn't used it since.

Amid snowy conditions on Oct. 29, the Scarlet Knights walked beside and behind LeGrand, who led the team onto the field in his wheelchair for the Scarlet Knights' home game against West Virginia. Rutgers coach Greg Schiano said on Wednesday that he hopes with the game being so close to New Jersey that LeGrand will be able to be on hand for some of the week's festivities.

Sanu shines as one of nation's best wideouts

As an underclassmen, Rutgers wide receiver



Rutgers wide receiver Mohamed Sanu rushes past South Florida linebacker Devekeyan Lattimore during the Scarlet Knights' game against the Bulls on Nov. 5. Rutgers won 20-17 en route to a 8-4 regular season record.

Mohamed Sanu hauled in a total of 95 catches — 51 as a freshman and 44 as a sophomore. This season, as a junior, Sanu more than equaled that total, coming in at fifth among all receivers nationally and first in the Big East Conference with 109 catches.

The total of 109 breaks the single-season record of 87 at Rutgers set by Kenny Britt in 2008 and the Big East record of 93 set by Pittsburgh wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald in 2003.

The South Brunswick, N.J., prep also set the Big East record for catches in a game with 16 in a 38-26 Rutgers win against Ohio back on Sept. 24 and is second in the nation with 65 catches for first downs. If he chooses to leave

Rutgers a year early, Sanu has already been projected as a potential first-round pick in April's NFL Draft.

Defense among Big East's best

Allowing 314.4 yards and 18.8 points per game, the Scarlet Knights boast the Big East's best defensive unit in both yards and points allowed per game. Although they have struggled against the run — ranking last in the conference allowing 146 yards per game — the Scarlet Knights' pass defense has been one of the nation's best, giving up only 168.3 yards per game and intercepting a league-high 17 passes.

The defense is led by senior

linebacker Khaseem Greene who led the Big East with 127 tackles and ranked No. 12 nationally in tackles per game. The 6-foot-1-inch, 220-pound Greene started all 12 games last season at free safety before moving down to linebacker.

A defensive coach throughout his career, Schiano has spent time on the defensive staffs at Penn State and Miami and in the NFL for three years with the Chicago Bears before taking over in Piscataway in 2001.

Quarterback question remains

At the time of publication, Schiano had not yet announced who would be starting at quarterback for

the Scarlet Knights in the Pinstripe Bowl. Sophomore Chas Dodd started in seven games, including the regular season finale, until he was relieved by freshman Gary Nova, who started five games this season.

"That's a good question," Schiano said when asked about the situation last Monday. "It's not going to be an easy one. They both are capable. We've just got to figure out which fits best. You never know. It could be both, I don't know."

Dodd ended the regular season completing 56.6 percent of his passes with nine touchdowns and seven interceptions, while Nova completed 51.4 percent of his passes for 11 touchdowns and nine interceptions.

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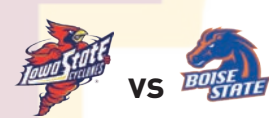






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# IOWA STATE BOWL HISTORY

<div>1971</div> <div><div>Sun Bowl</div><div>L 33-17</div><div>vs. LSU</div><div>Iowa State got picked apart in its bowl debut against LSU. LSU quarterback Bert Jones threw three second-half touchdowns en route to the Tigers' win.</div></div>	<div>1977</div> <div><div>Peach Bowl</div><div>L 24-14</div><div>vs. N.C. State</div><div>Iowa State was out-duelled on the strength of N.C. State quarterback Johnny Evans, who had 264 yards of total offense.</div></div>	<div>2000</div> <div><div>Insight.com Bowl</div><div>W 37-29</div><div>vs. Pittsburgh</div><div>Led by Sage Rosenfels, Iowa State went to its first bowl game in 22 years, and also picked up its first-ever bowl win.</div></div>	<div>2002</div> <div><div>Humanitarian Bowl</div><div>L 34-16</div><div>vs. Boise State</div><div>The Cyclones lost to Boise State on the Broncos' home field in their second straight bowl game.</div></div>	<div>2005</div> <div><div>Houston Bowl</div><div>L 27-24</div><div>vs. TCU</div><div>Iowa State went to its fifth bowl in six years under Dan McCarney. The Cyclones were in contention for the Big 12 North for the second straight year.</div></div>
<div>1972</div> <div><div>Liberty Bowl</div><div>L 31-30</div><div>vs. Georgia Tech</div><div>The Yellow Jackets bested the Cyclones in the back-and-forth matchup after the Cyclones failed on a late two-point conversion try.</div></div>	<div>1978</div> <div><div>Hall of Fame Bowl</div><div>L 28-12</div><div>vs. Texas A&amp;M</div><div>In the Cyclones' second bowl in as many years, Texas A&amp;M RB Curtis Dickey ran for a Hall of Fame Bowl record of 276 yards.</div></div>	<div>2001</div> <div><div>Independence Bowl</div><div>L 14-13</div><div>vs. Alabama</div><div>Remembered for "the Kick," Iowa State lost to Alabama on a controversial missed field goal from kicker Tony Yelk.</div></div>	<div>2004</div> <div><div>Independence Bowl</div><div>W 17-13</div><div>vs. Miami (OH)</div><div>The Cyclones got the program's second bowl win with redshirt freshman quarterback Bret Meyer under center.</div></div>	<div>2009</div> <div><div>Insight Bowl</div><div>W 14-13</div><div>vs. Minnesota</div><div>In Paul Rhoads' first season, the Cyclones finished 6-6 after going 2-10 under Gene Chizik the year before. Iowa State earned the program's third bowl victory.</div></div>

## IOWA STATE ROSTER

Offense	Name	Pos.	#	Height	Weight	Year
	Kurt Hammerschmidt	TE	86	6-6	265	RJr.
	Kelechi Osemele	LT	72	6-6	347	RSr.
	Ethan Tuftee	LG	64	6-4	315	RSo.
	Tom Farnoik	C	74	6-3	280	RFr.
	Hayworth Hicks	RG	75	6-3	336	RSr.
	Brayden Burris	RT	79	6-6	298	RJr.
	Jared Barnett	QB	16	6-0	200	RFr.
	James White	RB	8	5-8	184	RSo.
	Darius Reynolds	WR	7	6-2	208	RSr.
	Josh Lenz	WR	19	6-0	197	Jr.
	Darius Darks	WR	6	6-1	189	Sr.
Defense	Name	Pos.	#	Height	Weight	Year
	Jake Lattimer	LE	48	6-3	247	RSr.
	Jake McDonough	DT	94	6-5	302	RJr.
	Stephen Ruempolhamer	NG	97	6-3	298	Sr.
	Patrick Neal	RE	91	6-0	250	RSr.
	A.J. Klein	SLB	47	6-1	243	Jr.
	Matt Tau'fo'ou	MLB	45	5-11	239	RSr.
	Jake Knott	WLB	20	6-2	243	Jr.
	Leonard Johnson	RCB	23	5-10	202	Sr.
	Ter'Ran Benton	SS	22	6-0	208	Sr.
	Jacques Washington	FS	10	6-0	208	RSo.
	Jeremy Reeves	LCB	5	5-7	176	Jr.

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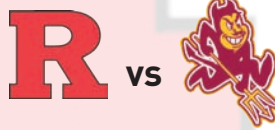
# RUTGERS BOWL HISTORY

1978




**Garden State Bowl**  
L 34-18  
vs. Arizona State  
Rutgers' first trip to a bowl game ended in a 34-18 loss to Arizona State at the inaugural Garden State Bowl at Giants Stadium.

2005




**Insight Bowl**  
L 45-40  
vs. Arizona State  
Absent from its only bowl appearance for almost 30 years, Rutgers returned to the postseason only to be beaten by Arizona State again.

2006




**Texas Bowl**  
W, 37-10  
vs. Kansas State  
Third time was the charm for the Scarlet Knights, who beat the Big 12's Kansas State for their first-ever bowl victory.

2008



**International Bowl**  
W 52-30  
vs. Ball State  
Rutgers played its first non-BCS opponent in the postseason — Ball State — and came out on top for a second straight bowl victory.

2009





**St. Petersburg Bowl**  
W 45-24  
vs. Central Florida  
Rutgers managed its third straight bowl victory by beating Conference USA's Central Florida.

## RUTGERS ROSTER

Offense	Name	Pos.	#	Height	Weight	Year
	Mohamed Sanu	WR	6	6-2	215	Jr.
	Mark Harrison	WR	81	6-3	230	Jr.
	Paul Carrezola	TE	89	6-2	241	RSr.
	Andre Civil	LT	66	6-3	275	RSr.
	Desmond Wynn	LG	70	6-6	295	RSr.
	Caleb Ruch	C	60	6-4	298	RSr.
	Art Forst	RG	77	6-8	310	Sr.
	Kaleb Johnson	RT	72	6-4	298	Fr.
	Chas Dodd	QB	19	6-0	200	So.
Defense	Jawan Jamison	RB	23	5-8	198	RFr.
	Michael Burton	FB	46	6-0	232	RFr.
	Jamil Merrell	DE	92	6-4	255	RSr.
	Justin Francis	DT	91	6-4	275	RSr.
	Scott Vallone	DT	94	6-3	275	RJr.
	Manny Abreu	DE	51	6-3	260	RSr.
	Khaseem Greene	LB	20	6-1	220	RJr.
	Steve Beauharnais	LB	42	6-2	235	Jr.
	Jamal Merrell	LB	37	6-4	220	RSr.
	Brandon Jones	CB	25	6-1	186	RJr.
	Duron Harmon	SS	32	6-1	201	Jr.
	David Rowe	FS	4	6-0	195	Sr.
	Logan Ryan	CB	11	6-0	190	RSr.

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Even if you're not visiting on New Year's Eve, Times Square is still the heartbeat of New York City. From here, you can either observe the excitement or become part of it. It's one of the best places to start experiencing NYC nightlife, too.

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# Stay warm in Cyclone fashions

By Ainsley Chapman  
ISD Style Writer

It's the bowl game we've all wished and hoped for, and now it's happening. The Cyclones will be battling the Rutgers in the New Era Pinstripe Bowl. For all of you Cyclones who had to Google the Rutgers' team colors, it's OK; they are scarlet and black. Avoid this color combination.

The Cyclones in a bowl game, combined with Yankee Stadium and the most glamorous day of the year — New Year's Eve — promises a fashion-forward weekend.

In honor of the exciting event, there are a few things you don't want to leave in the Midwest, but there are a few

things that should stay behind.

When taking off for the Big Apple, be sure to pack a few of these staple items.

**For the gals**

Fur vest: Not only is a fur vest a staple trend in any closet this winter season, but it can go from day to evening looks easily. If you don't want to go for a full fur vest, try accessories with fur such as scarves, earmuffs and fur collars. Either way, this cozy item will keep you warm while blending in seamlessly with New Yorkers.

Red or gold stocking hat: You're there to cheer the Cyclones to a win, so don't forget the red and gold.

However, try a less obvious "I'm a college student from Iowa," while still

sporting your colors with pride. Try a cable knit stocking hat from Forever 21 for only \$6.

Boots: Boots are a must. Leave the dirty Uggs and snow boots behind and go for tall leather any color of your choice. They can translate easily from day to evening, and go with practically everything. Pair with leg warmers underneath for added coziness and even a pop of color.

Red lips: What better way to top off your game day look than with Cyclone red lips. Vibrant red lips also can blend well into evening wear for New Year's Eve festivities.

Sparkle: With a bowl game and New Year's Eve, there's one thing for sure — this is a weekend for celebrating, so don't leave the glam behind. Whether it's a few small touches of sparkle in a sequin vest or a full sequin cocktail dress for a night on the town, don't be afraid to stand out from the crowd.

car in the big city in sweats. A simple pair of dark wash boot-cut jeans can last most guys an entire week. Nothing says, "I'm not from here," like sweatpants paired with a hooded sweatshirt. Skip the sweats until the ride home.

Sweaters: A simple crew-neck sweater can go a long ways for guys. Pick any color you like and pair it over a flannel button-down and you can't go wrong. This look is effortless, but still looks pulled together.

Cologne: Whether you wear a fragrance on a regular basis or not, it's a must for a special occasion. Go with something clean, classic and simple such as American Crew, which can be found at The Groom Room on Main Street in Ames.

Iowa State stocking cap: Don't forget your Cyclones. Try a vintage-looking Iowa State stocking cap to top off your game day look. Different styles can be found at the University Book Store, Campus Book Store, T Galaxy Threads and Dogtown University.




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